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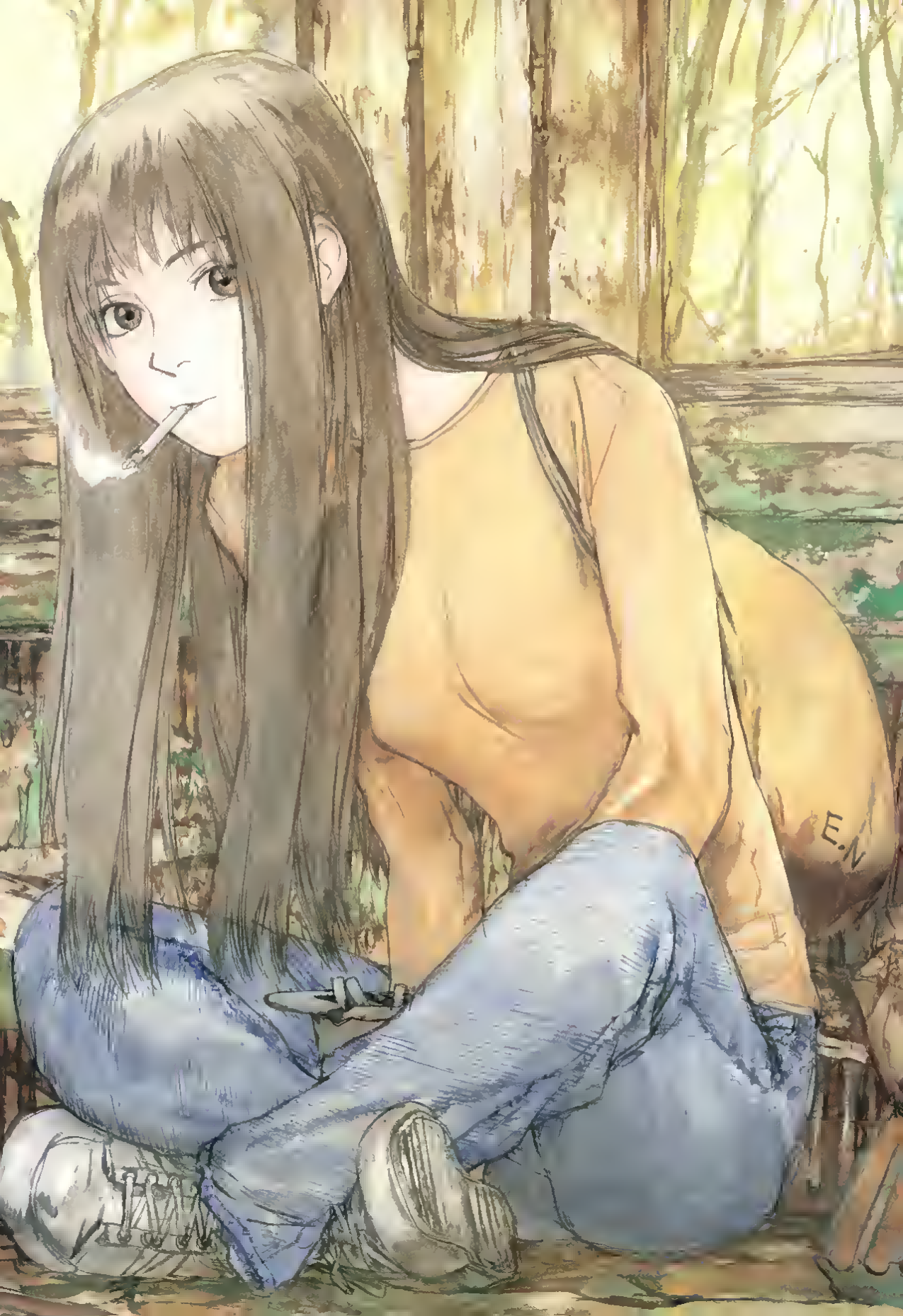
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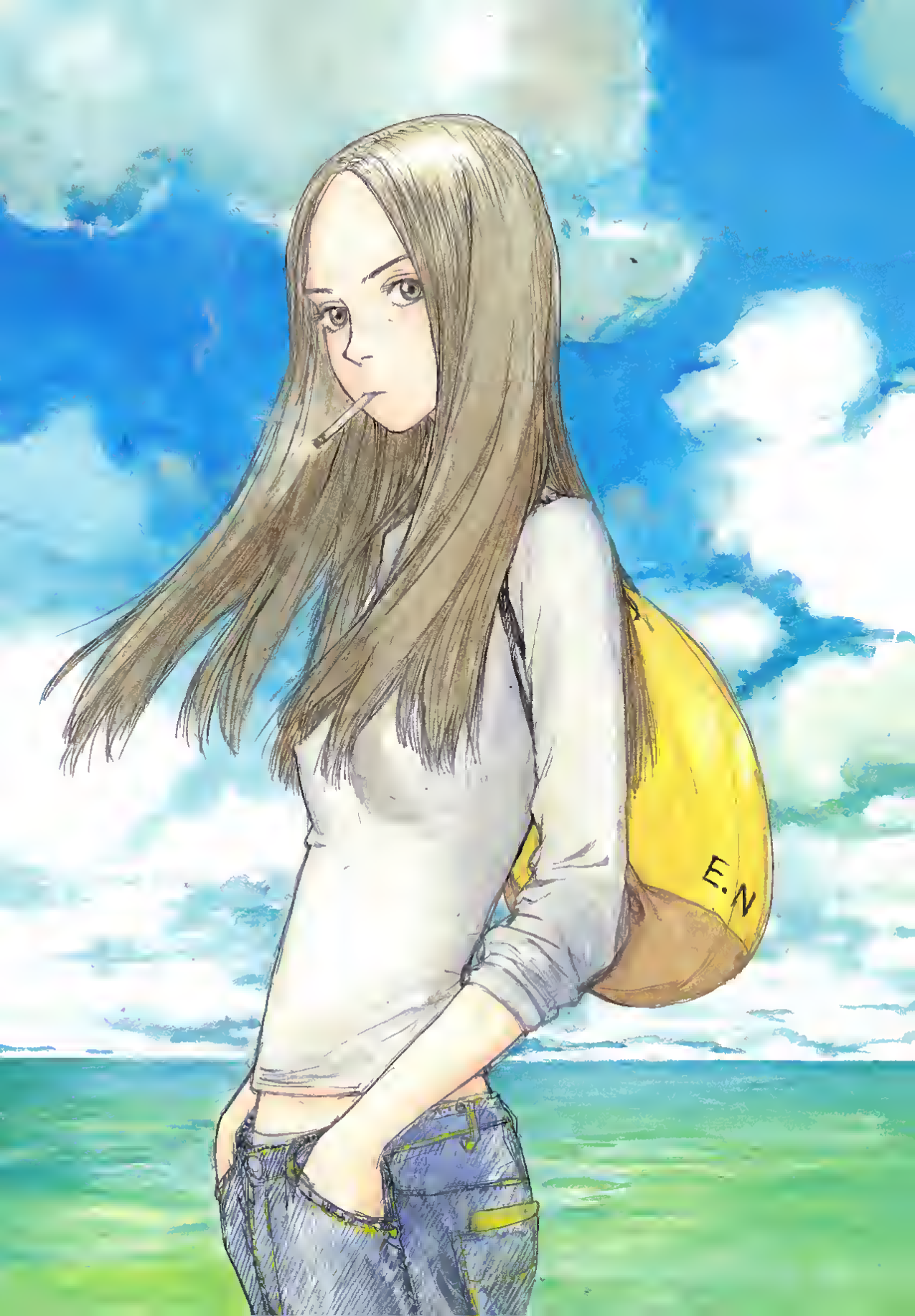
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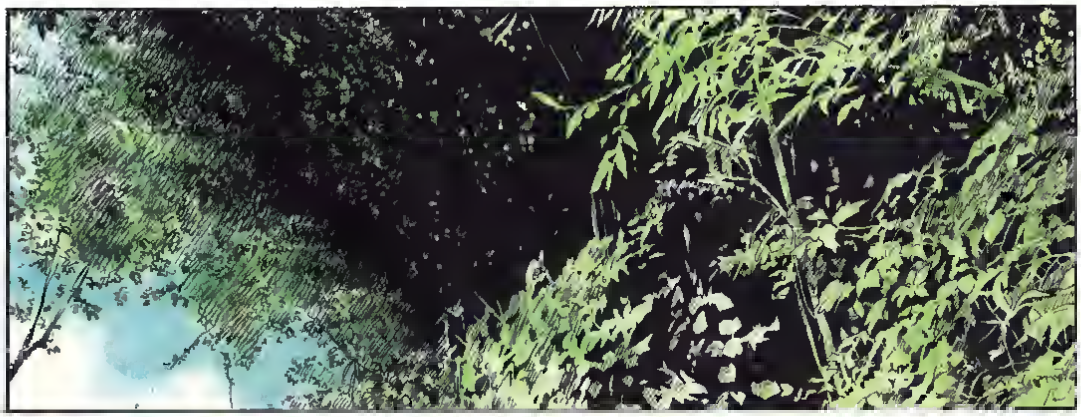

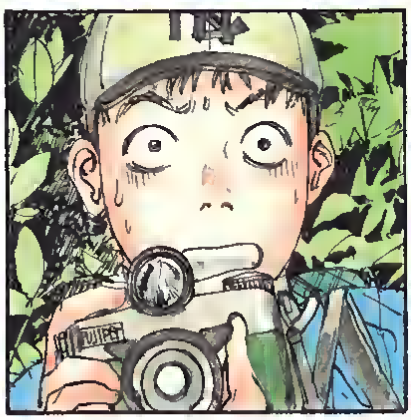

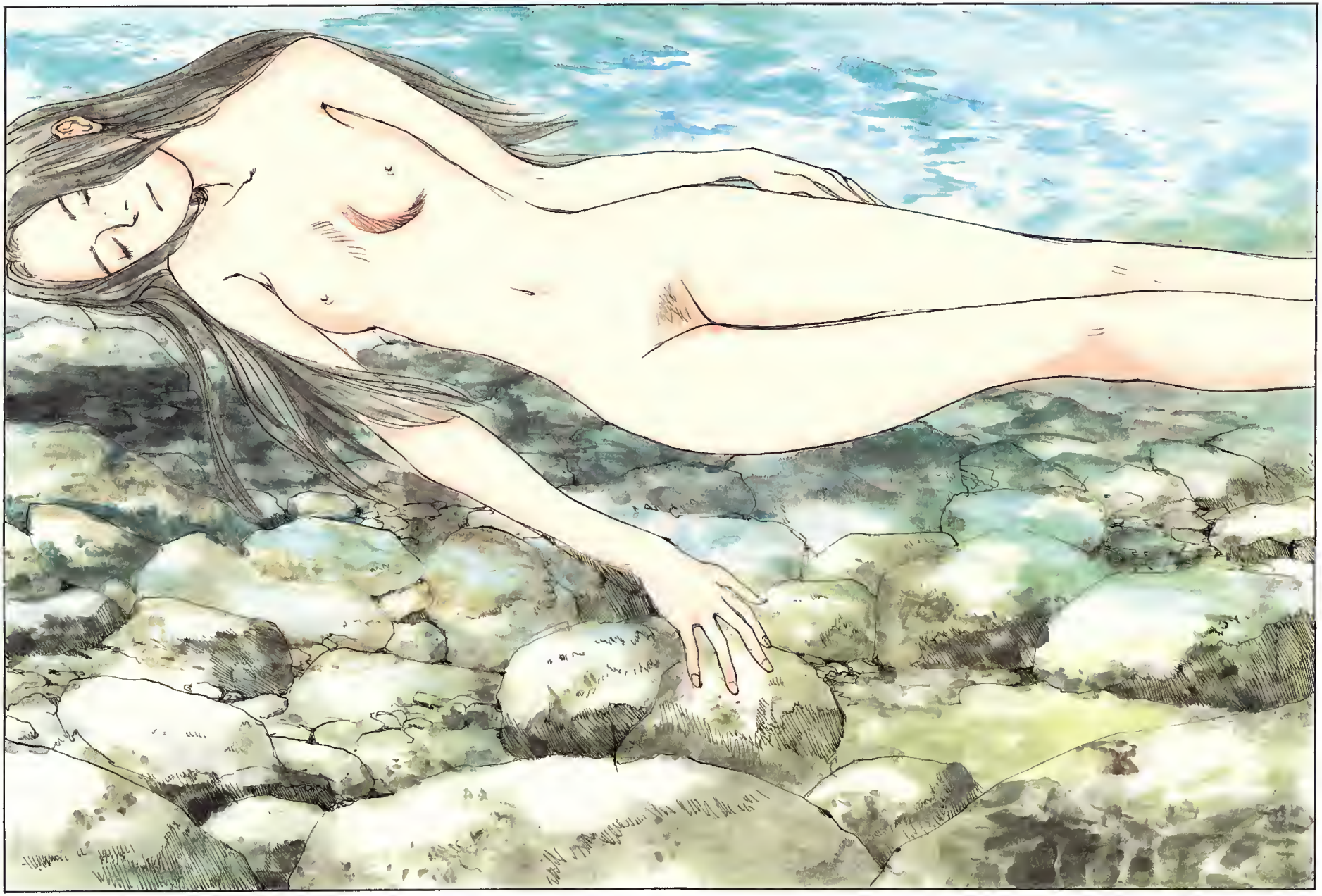

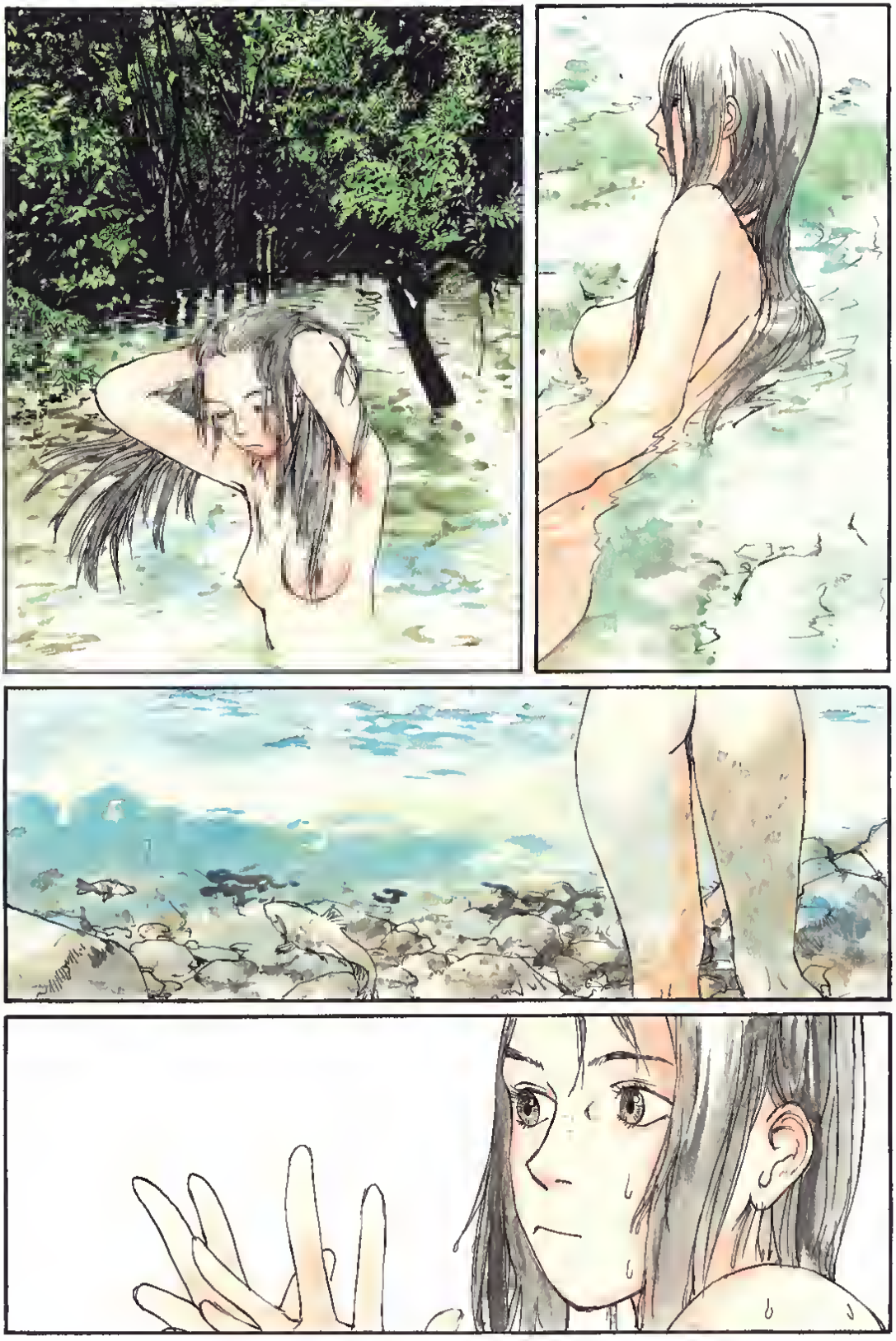

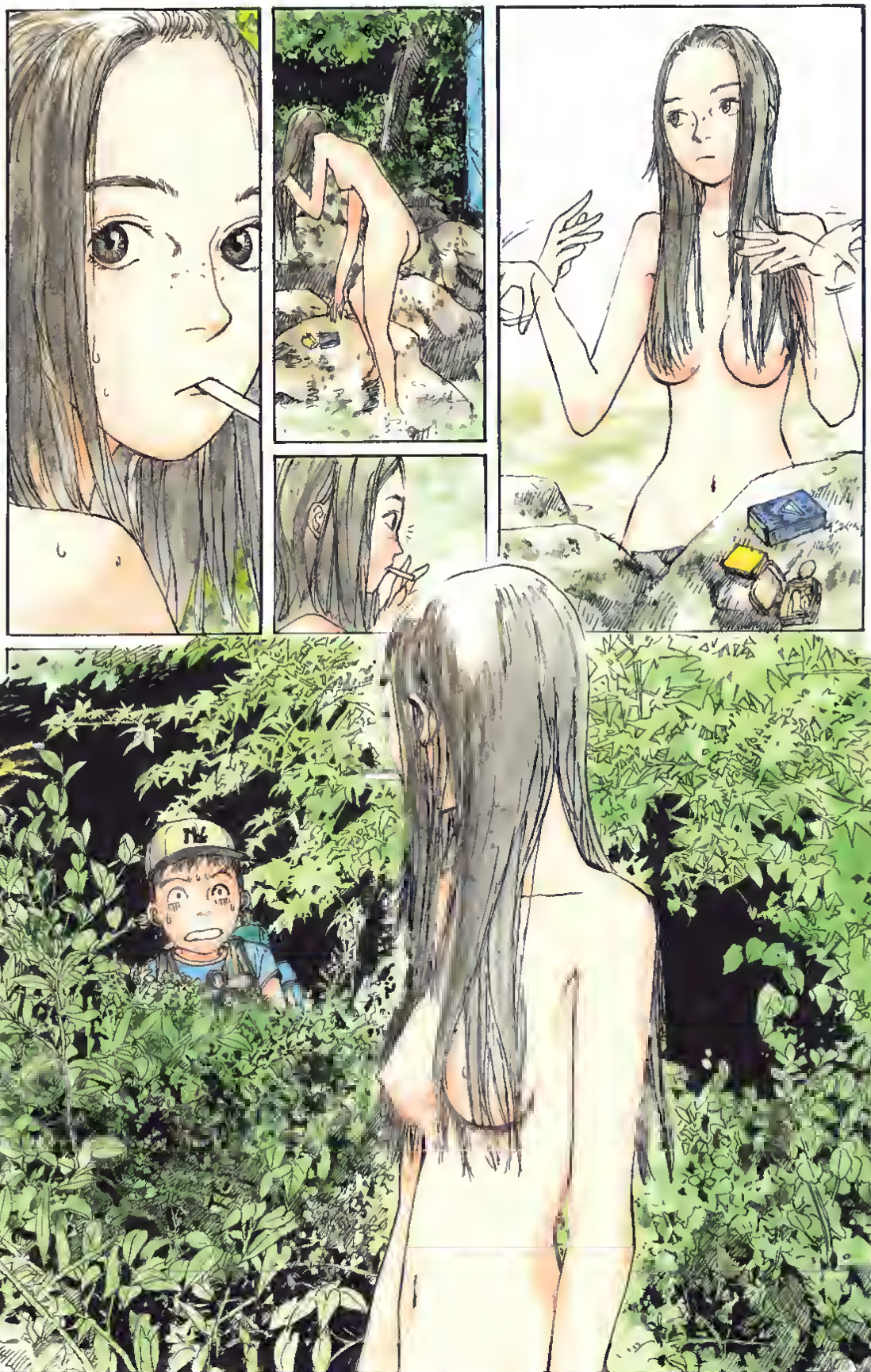

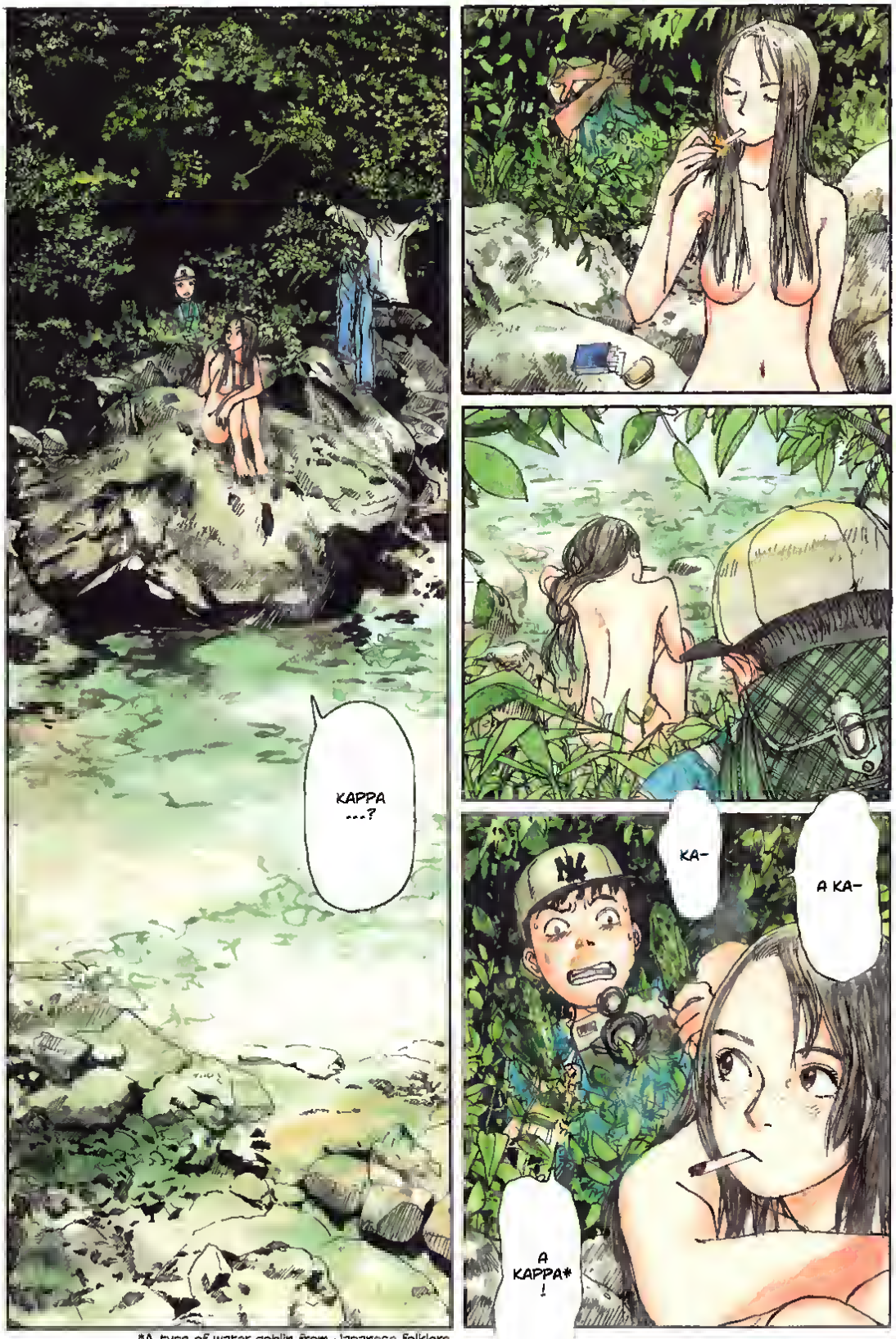

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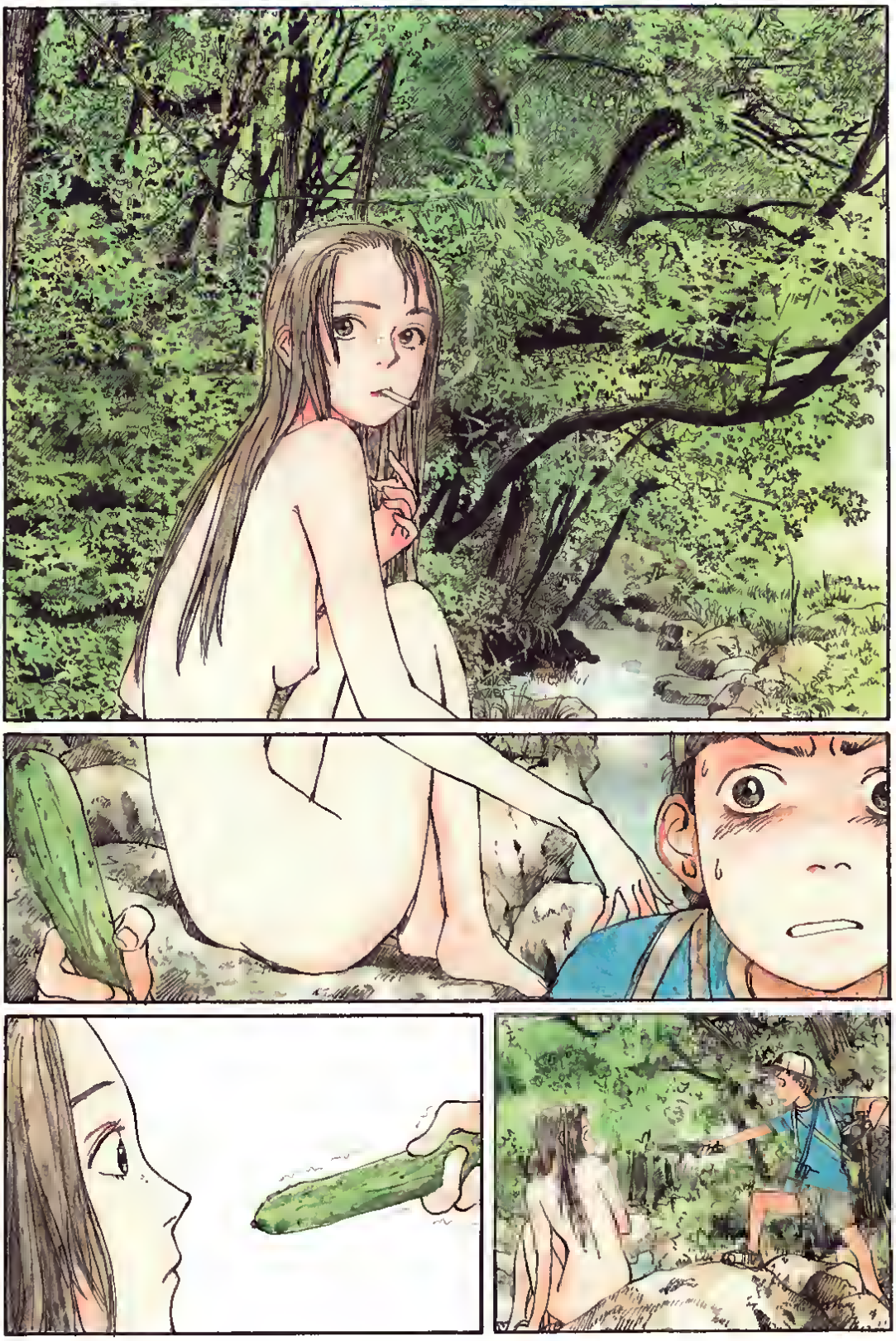

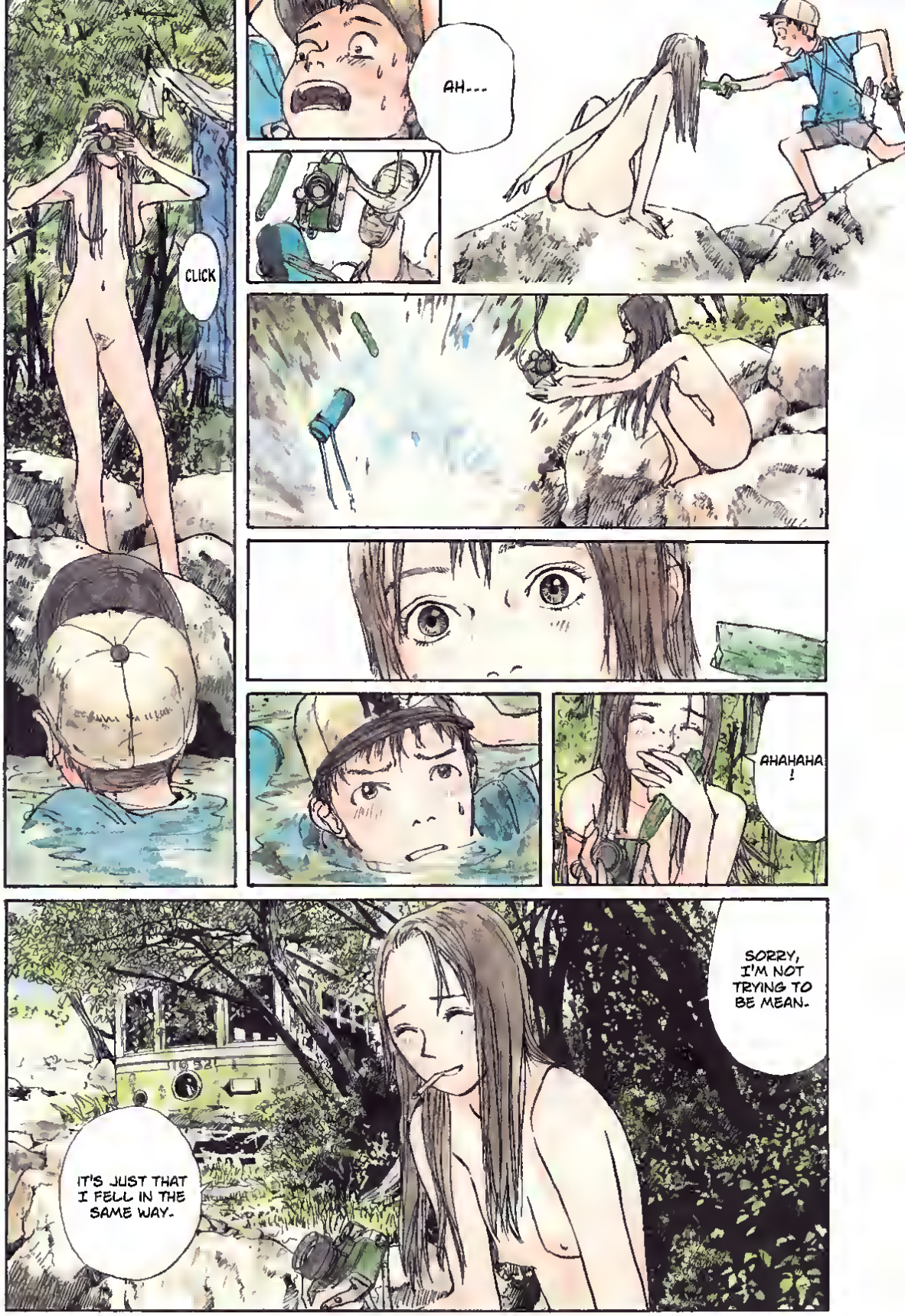
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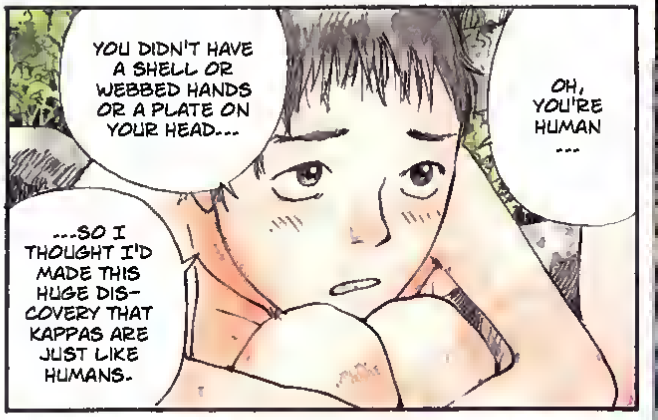
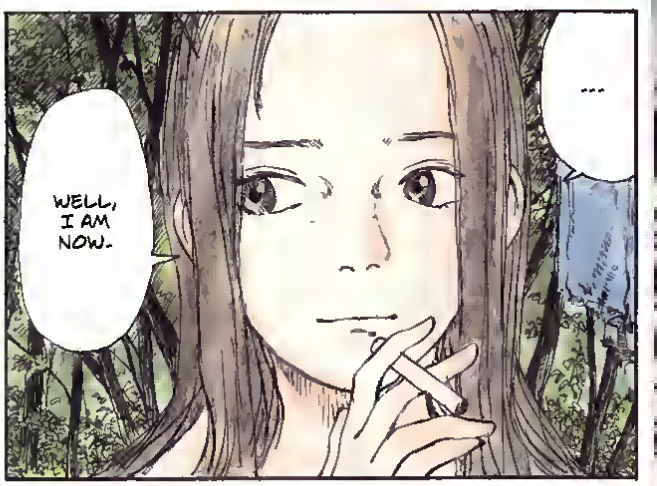
AH...
AHAHAHA!
SORRY, I'M NOT TRYING TO BE MEAN.
IT'S JUST THAT I FELL IN THE SAME WAY.


YOU DIDN'T HAVE A SHELL OR WEBBED HANDS OR A PLATE ON YOUR HEAD...
OH, YOU'RE HUMAN ...
...SO I THOUGHT I'D MADE THIS HUGE DIS-COVERY THAT KAPPAS ARE JUST LIKE HUMANS.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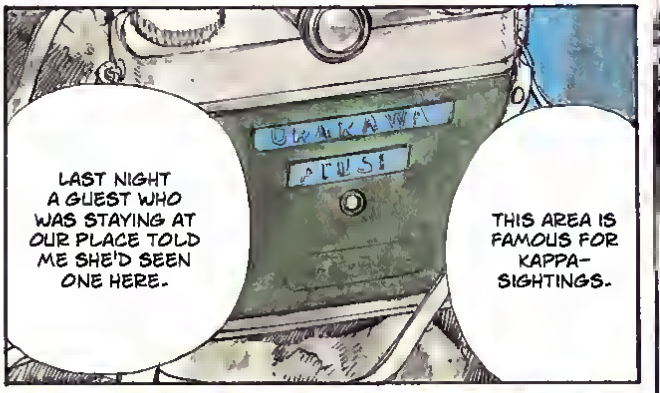
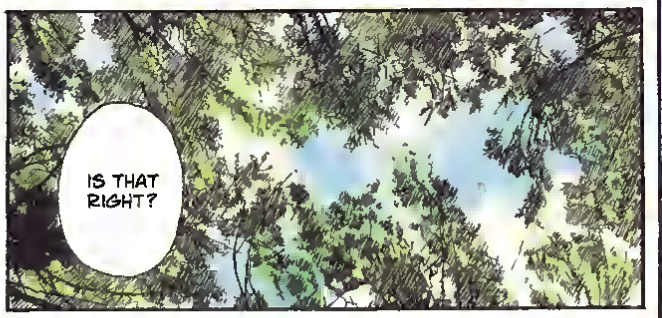
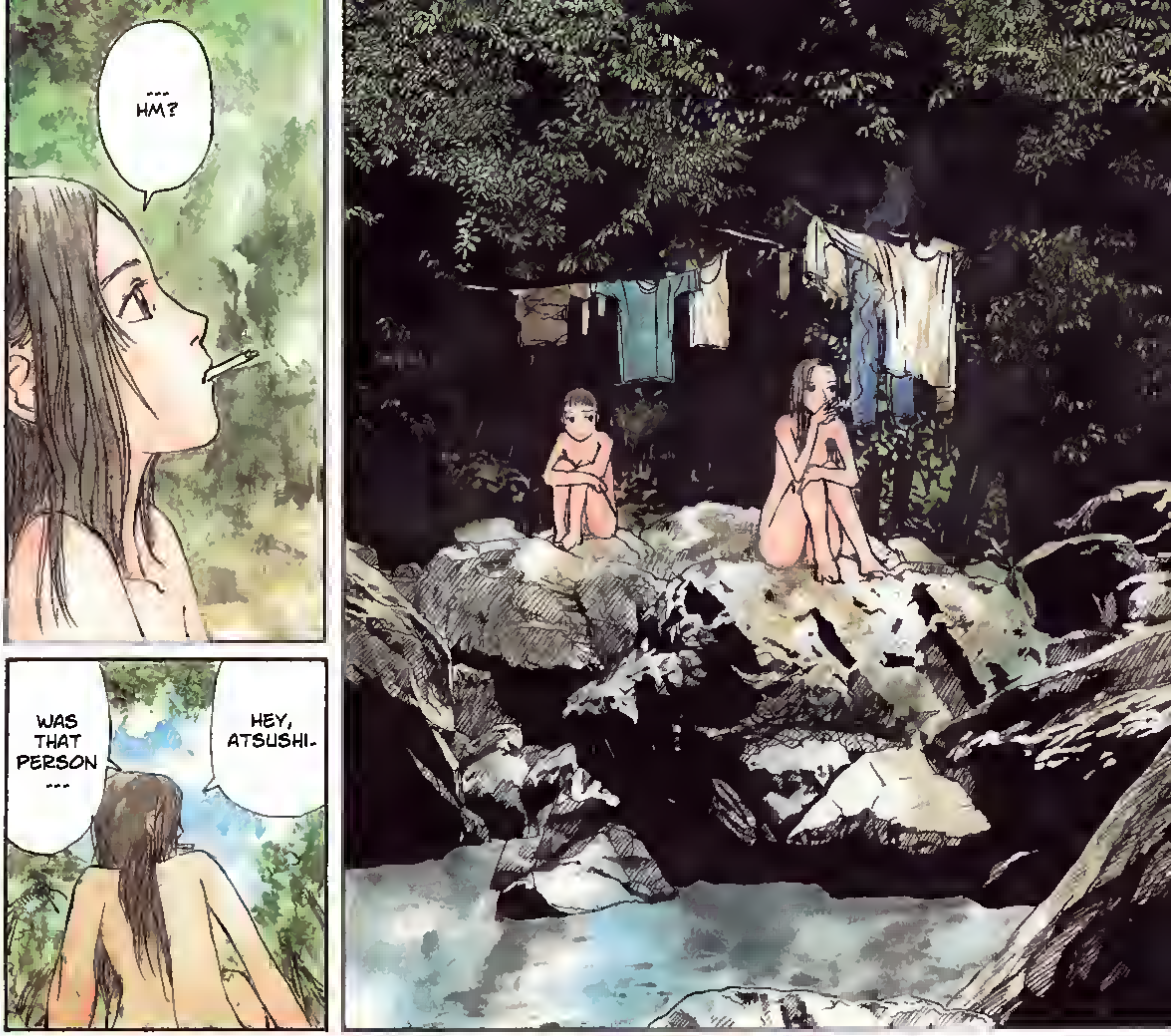
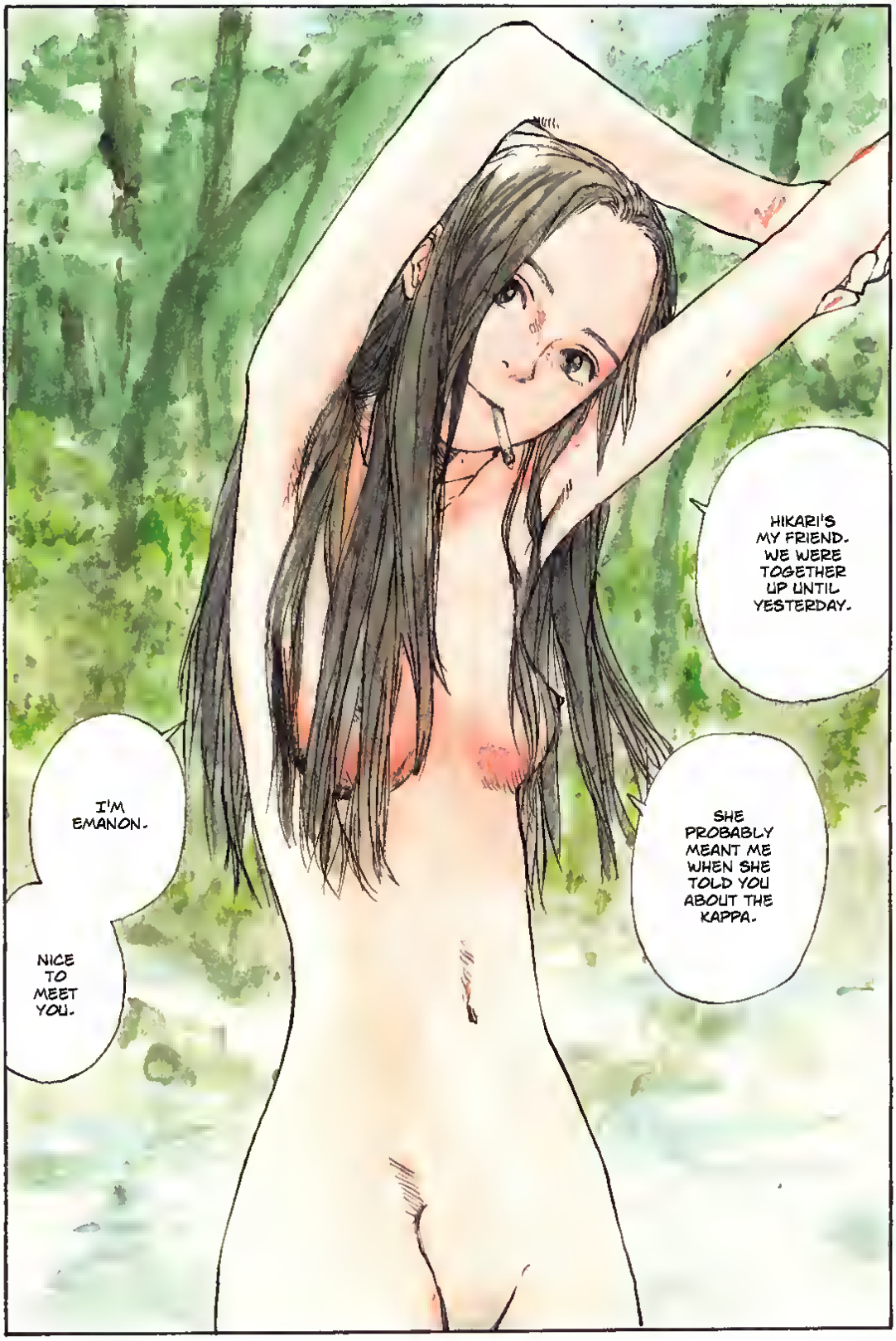
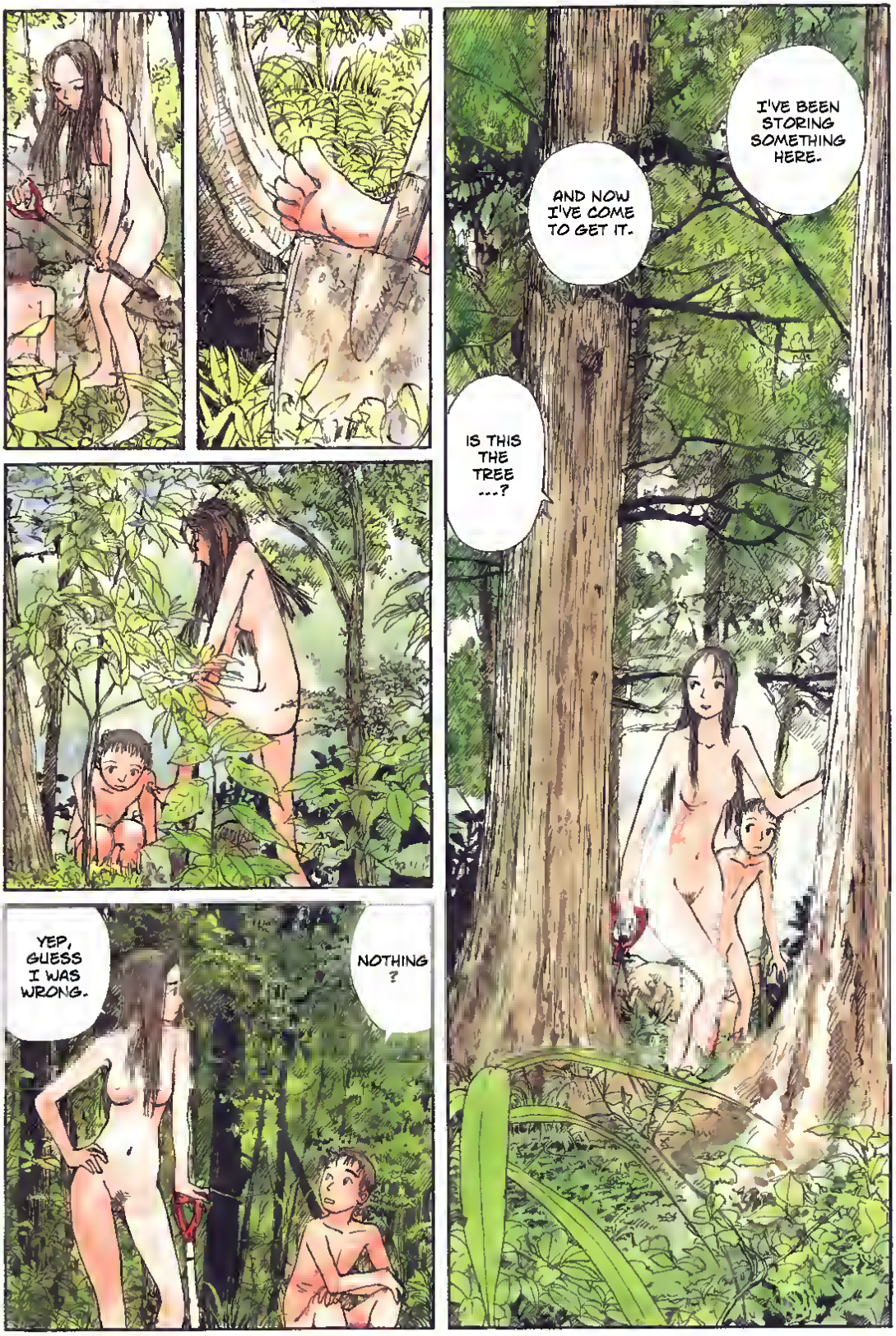
WELL, I AM NOW.


LAST NIGHT A GUEST WHO WAS STAYING AT OUR PLACE TOLD ME SHE'D SEEN ONE HERE.
THIS AREA IS FAMOUS FOR KAPPA-SIGHTINGS.


IS THAT RIGHT?


...
HM?
HEY, ATSUSHI.
WAS THAT PERSON ...
I DO.
OH.
SO IT'S HER WHO TOLD YOU MY NAME.
IT'S RIGHT THERE ON YOUR CAMERA.
...A GIRL WITH SHORT HAIR? AROUND MY HEIGHT?
YEAH, HER NAME'S HIKARI.
D'YOU KNOW HER?


HIKARI'S MY FRIEND. WE WERE TOGETHER UP UNTIL YESTERDAY.
SHE PROBABLY MEANT ME WHEN SHE TOLD YOU ABOUT THE KAPPA.
I'M EMANON.
NICE TO MEET YOU.


I'VE BEEN STORING SOMETHING HERE.
AND NOW I'VE COME TO GET IT.
IS THIS THE TREE ---?
NOTHING ?
YEP, GUESS I WAS WRONG.

R-REALLY ...?
THIS IS HARDER THAN I THOUGHT. THE LANDSCAPE HAS CHANGED A LOT.
ATSUSHI, YOU'D BETTER HEAD HOME SOON. THE SUN'S STARTING TO SET.

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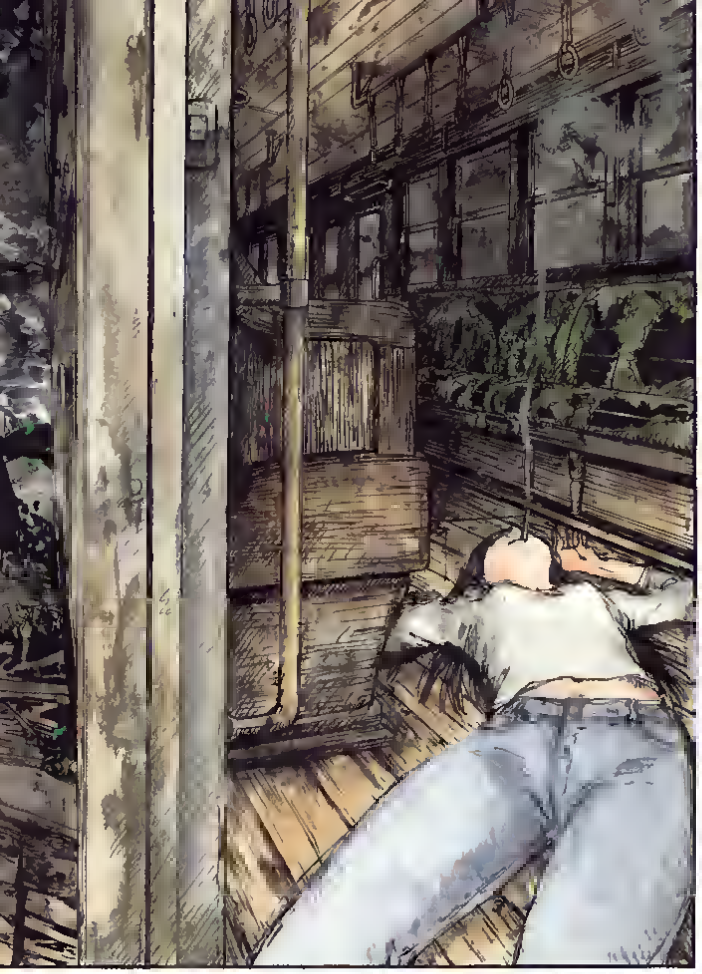
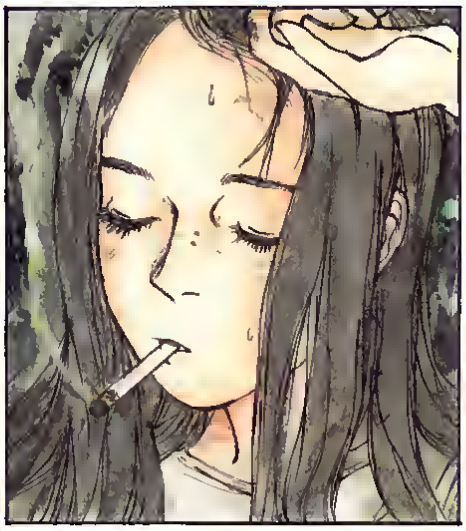
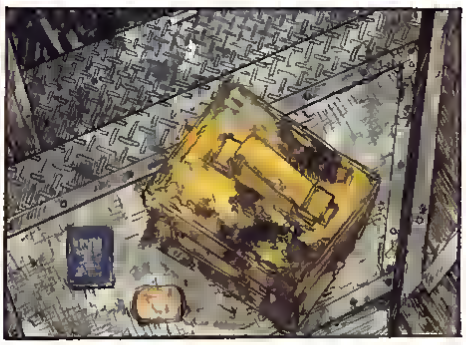
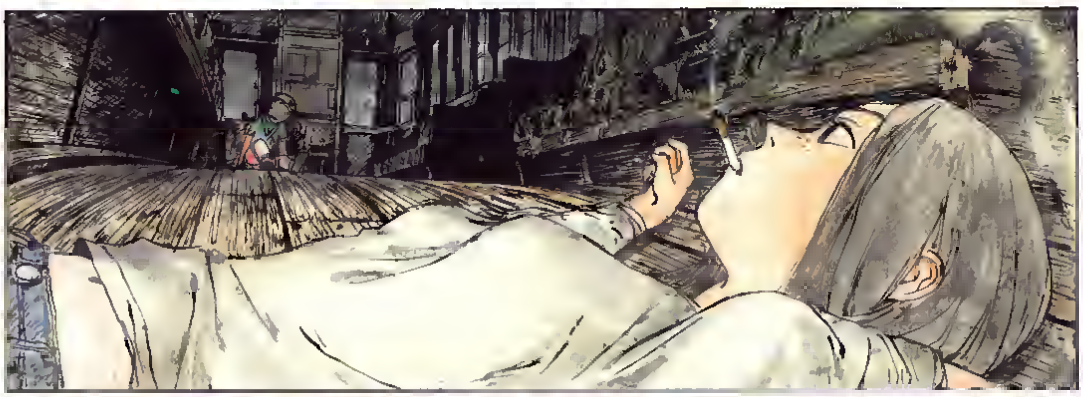
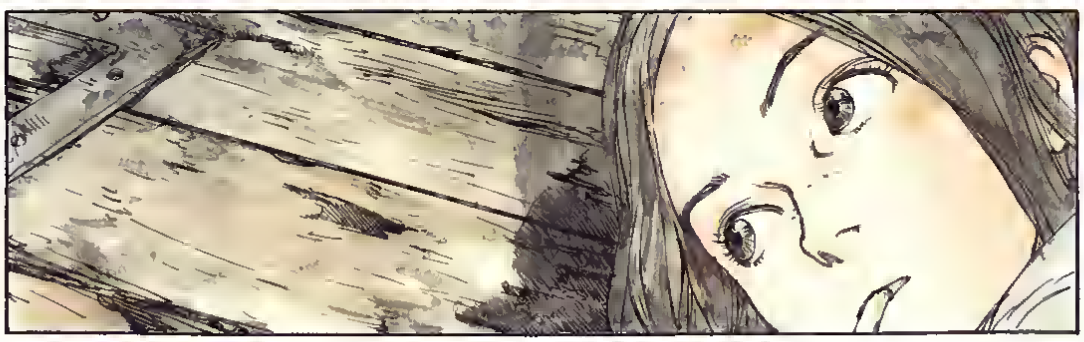
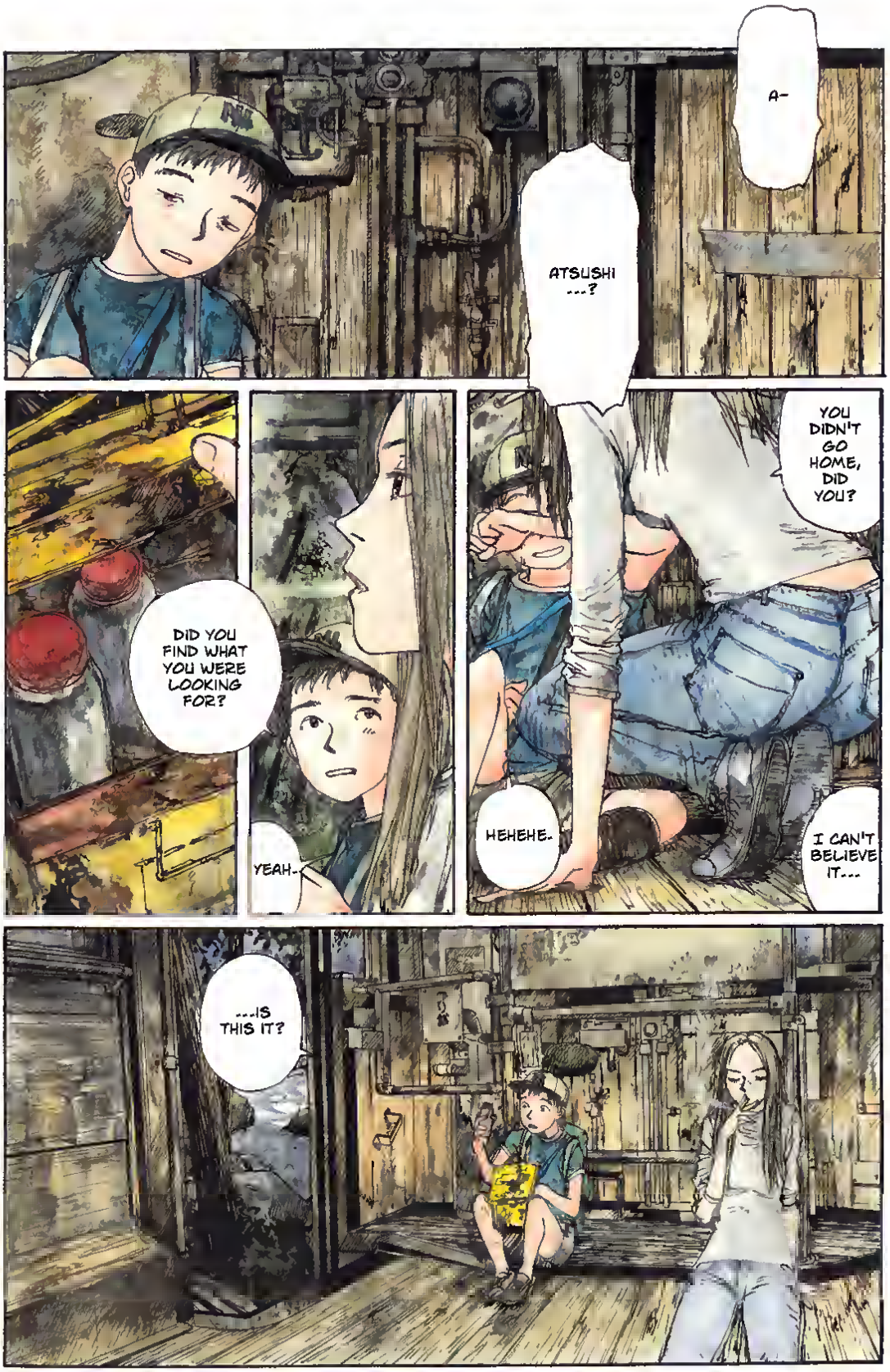


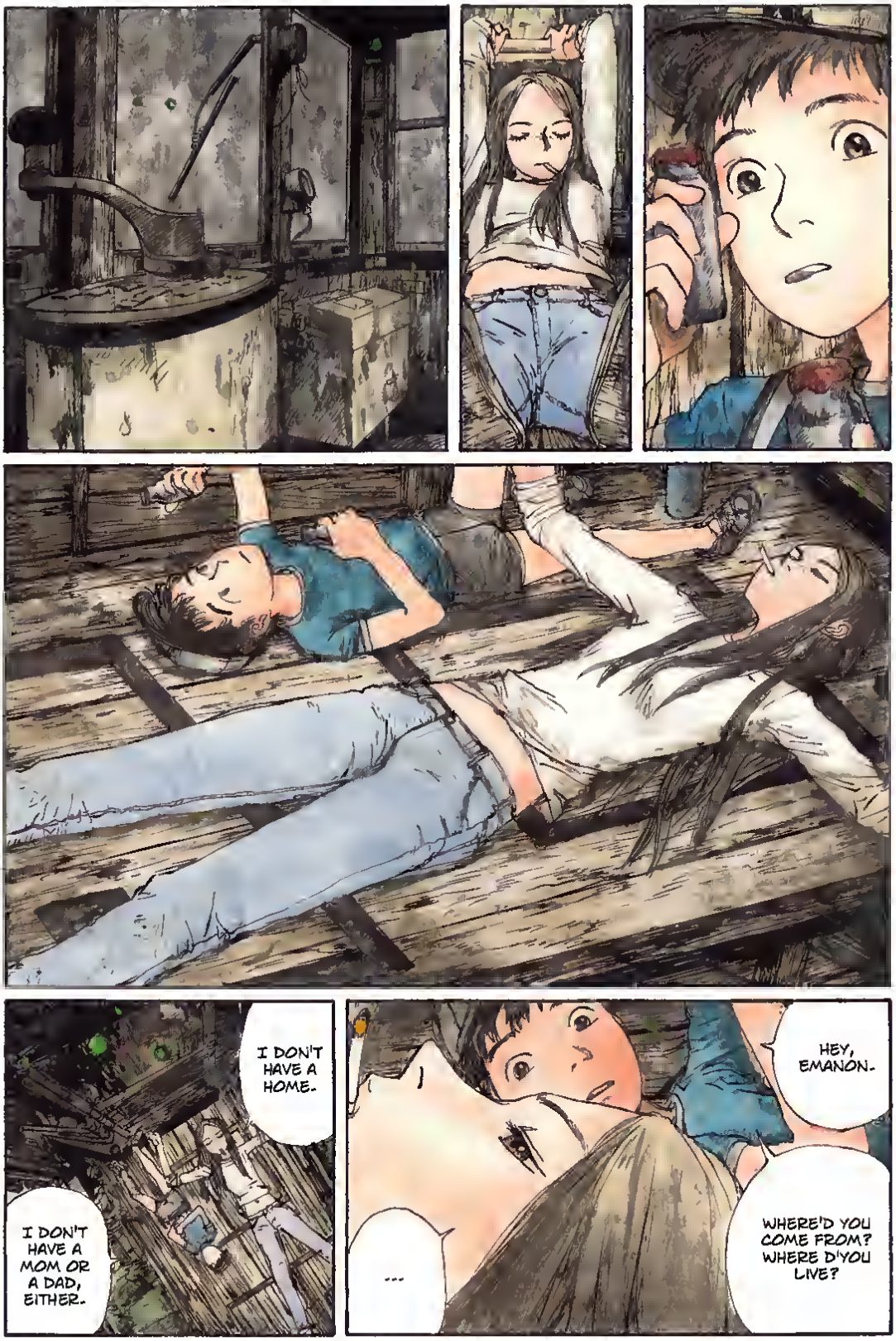









A-
ATSUSHI ---?
DID YOU FIND WHAT YOU WERE LOOKING FOR?
YEAH-
YOU DIDN'T GO HOME, DID YOU?
HEHEHE-
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT---
---IS THIS IT?


I DON'T HAVE A HOME.
I DON'T HAVE A MOM OR A DAD, EITHER.
HEY, EMANON.
WHERE'D YOU COME FROM? WHERE D'YOU LIVE?
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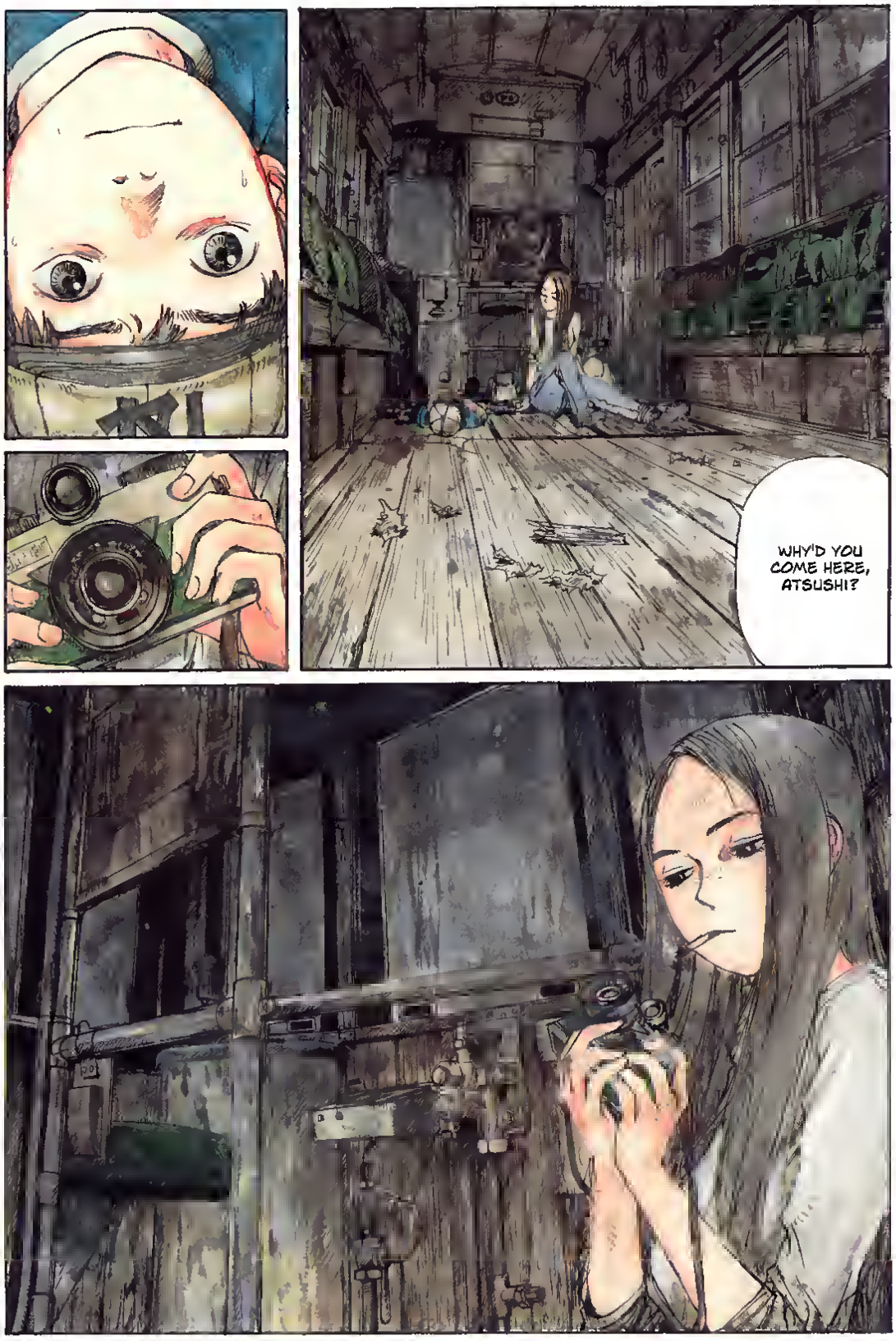
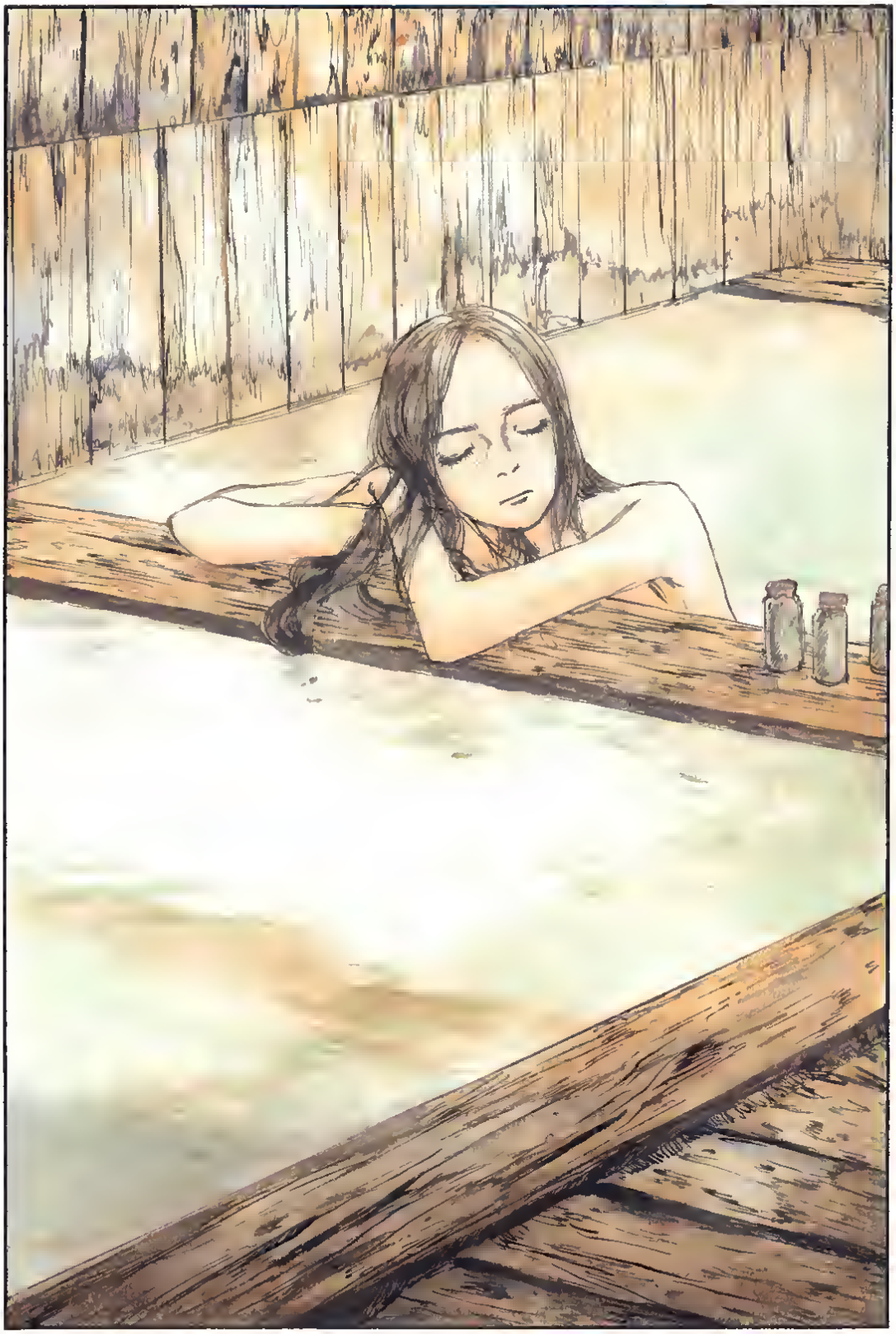
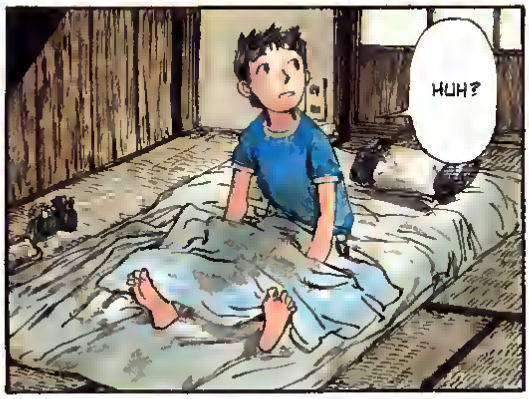

WHY'D YOU COME HERE, ATSUSHI?

TAKUMA

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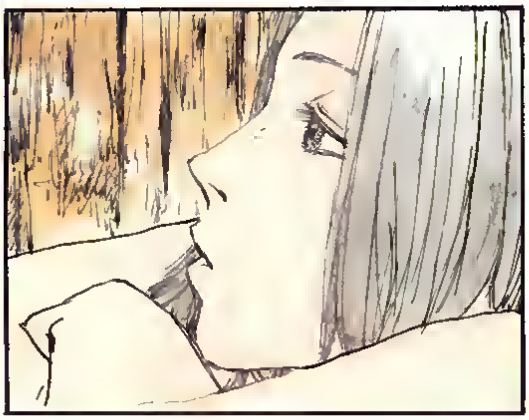

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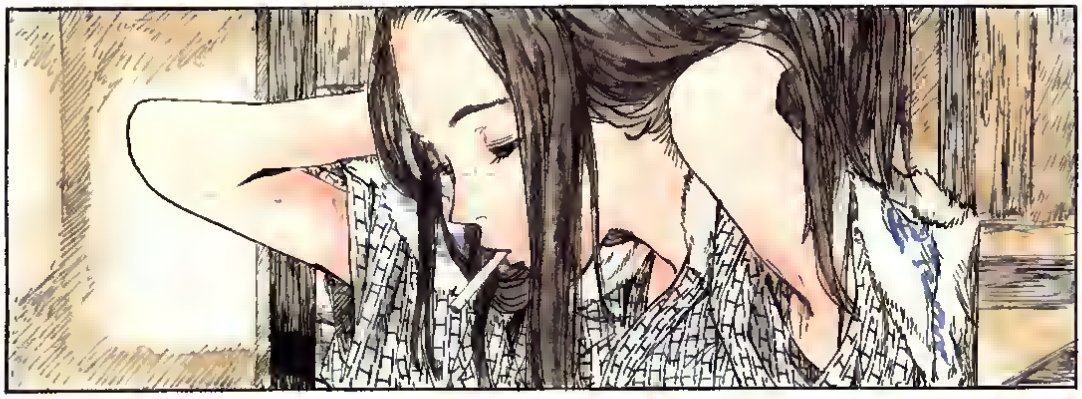
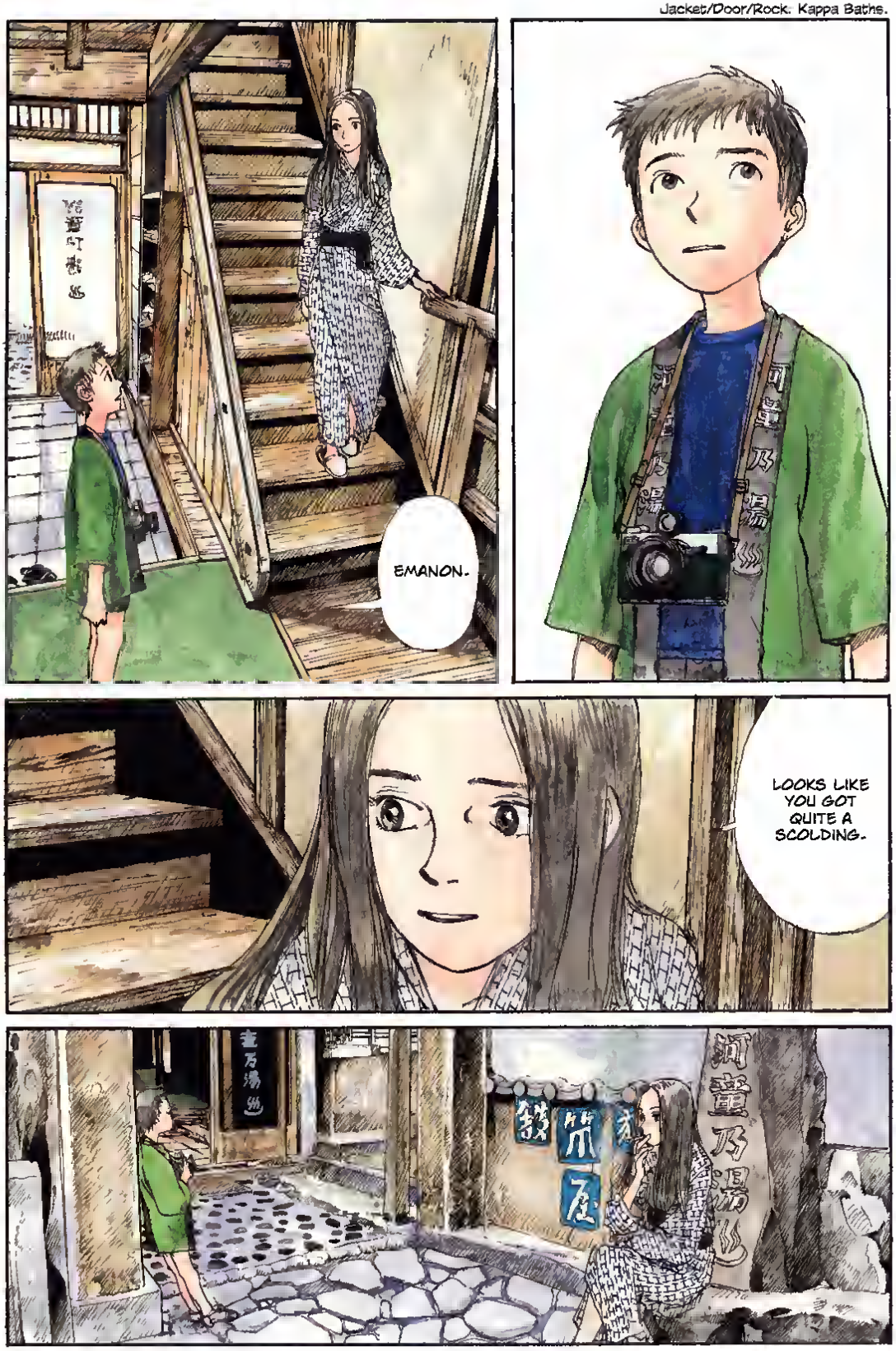
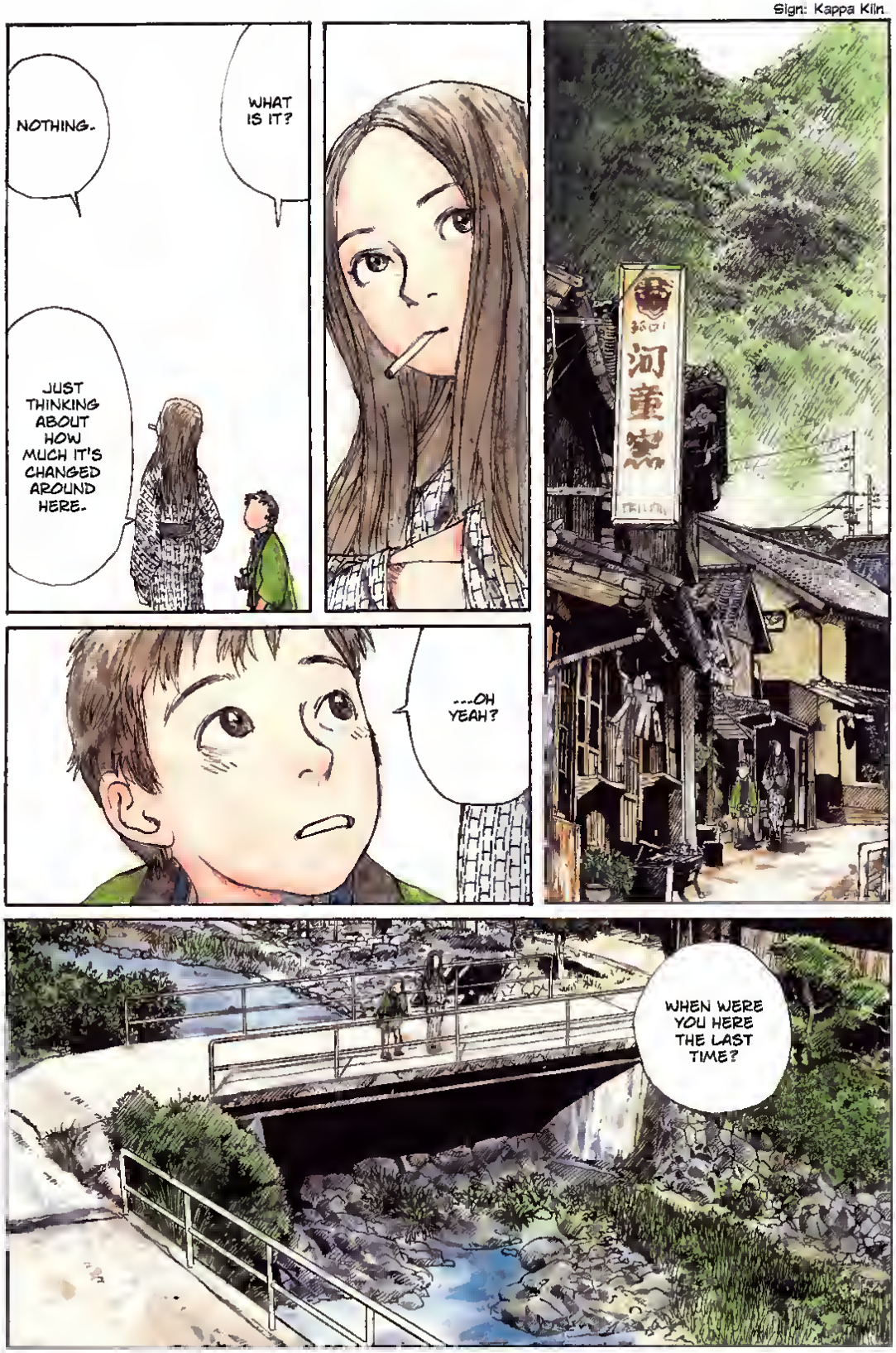
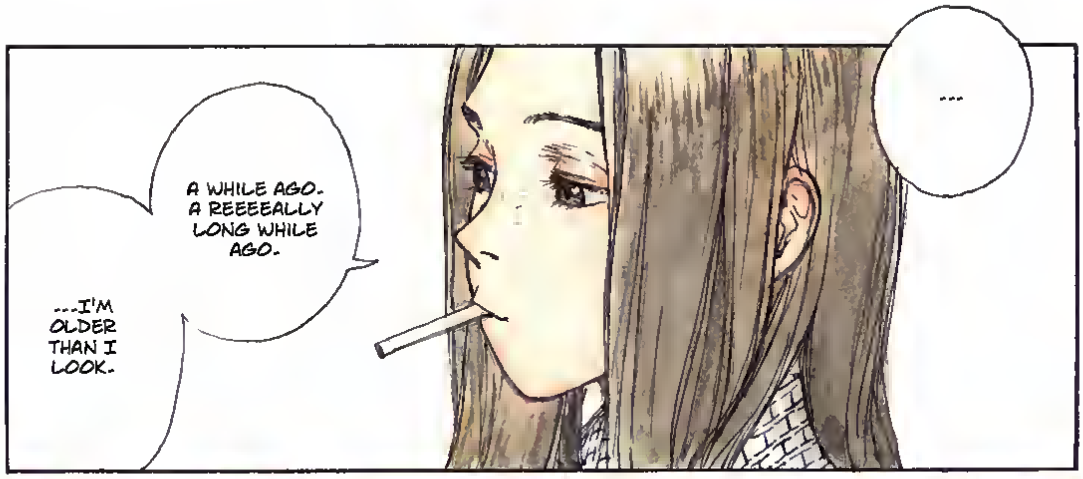


Signes
Kappa
Bathe

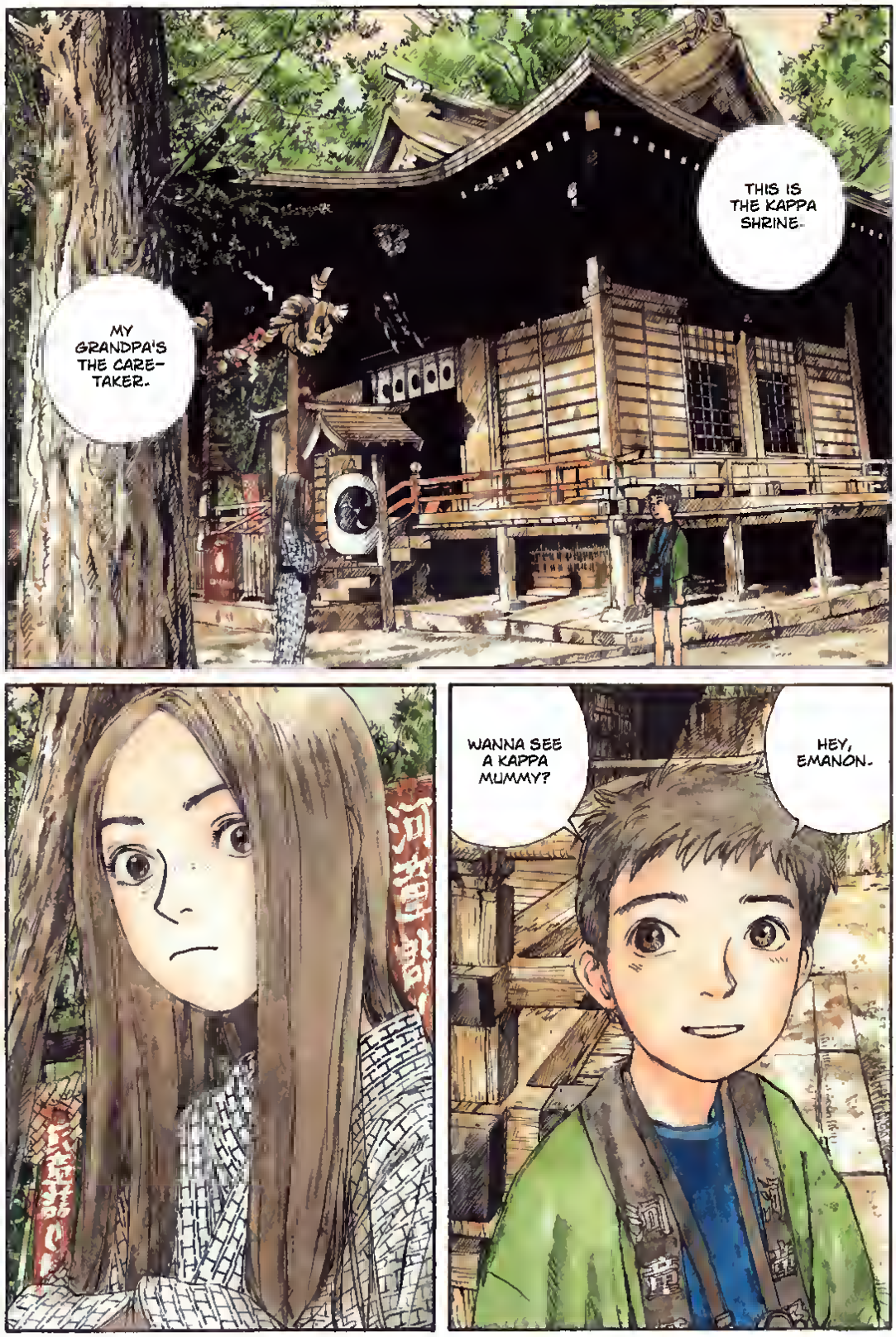

EMANON.
LOOKS LIKE YOU GOT QUITE A SCOLDING.

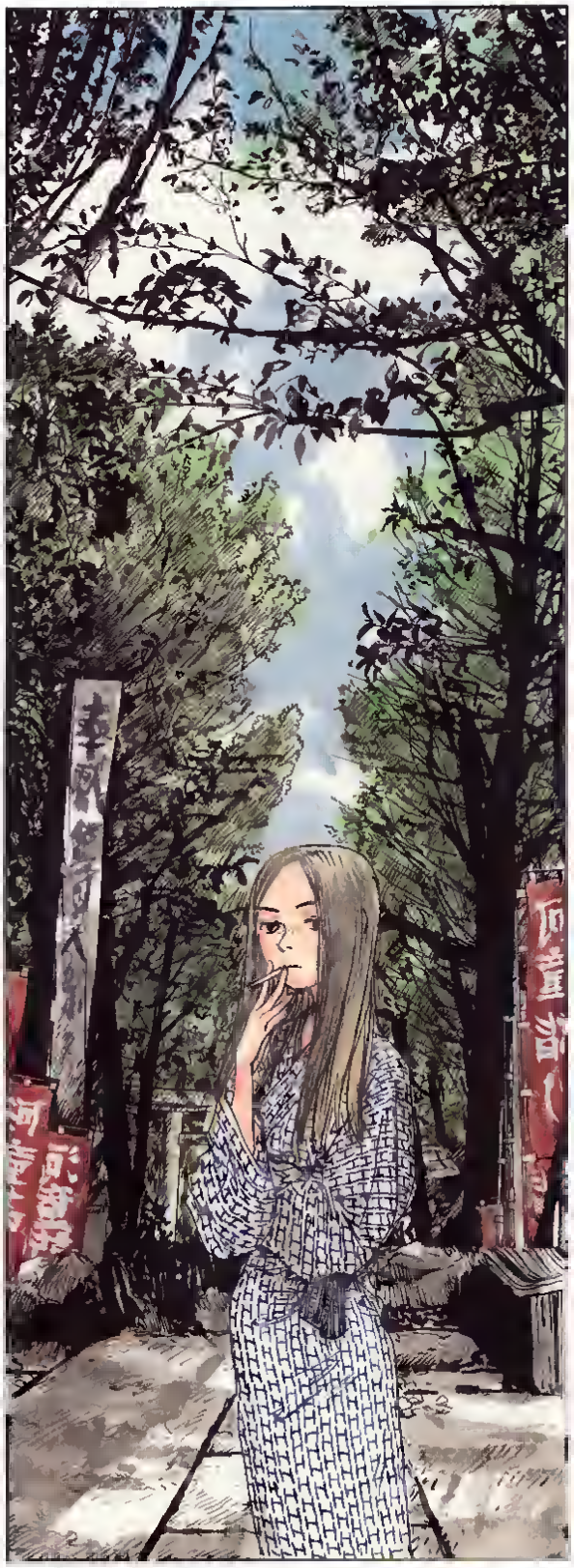

WHAT IS IT?
NOTHING.
JUST THINKING ABOUT HOW MUCH IT'S CHANGED AROUND HERE.
Sign: Kappa Kiln
河童窯
---OH YEAH?
WHEN WERE YOU HERE THE LAST TIME?

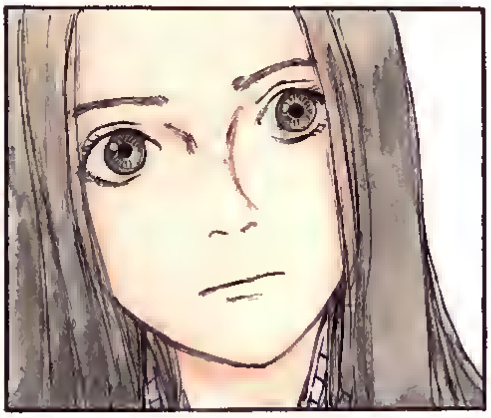


Banners. Visit the Kappa Shrine

Top right sign. Kappa Cyclee.
Left signs. Kappa Restaurant.


THIS IS THE KAPPA SHRINE.
MY GRANDPA'S THE CARE-TAKER.
WANNA SEE A KAPPA MUMMY?
HEY, EMANON.





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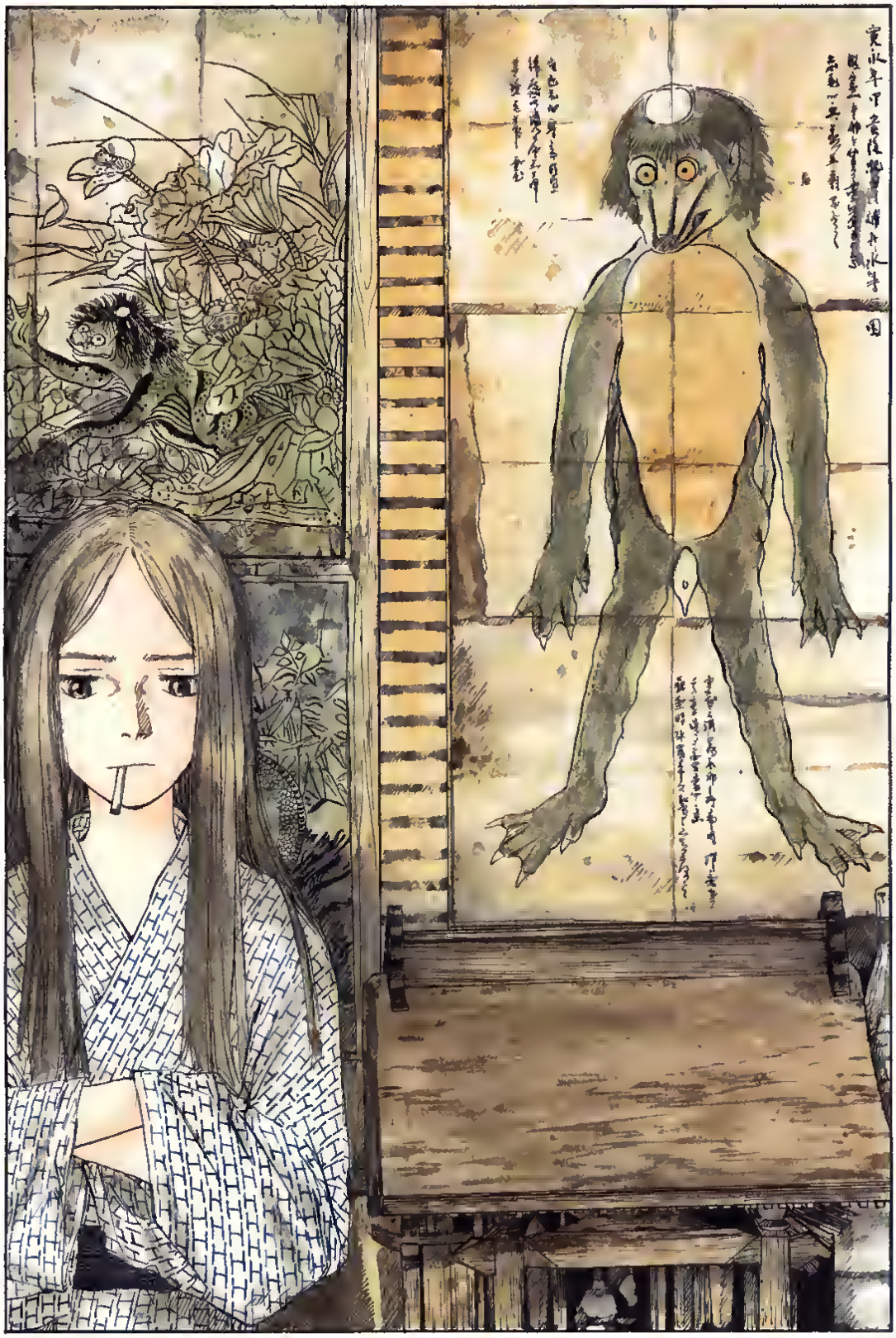
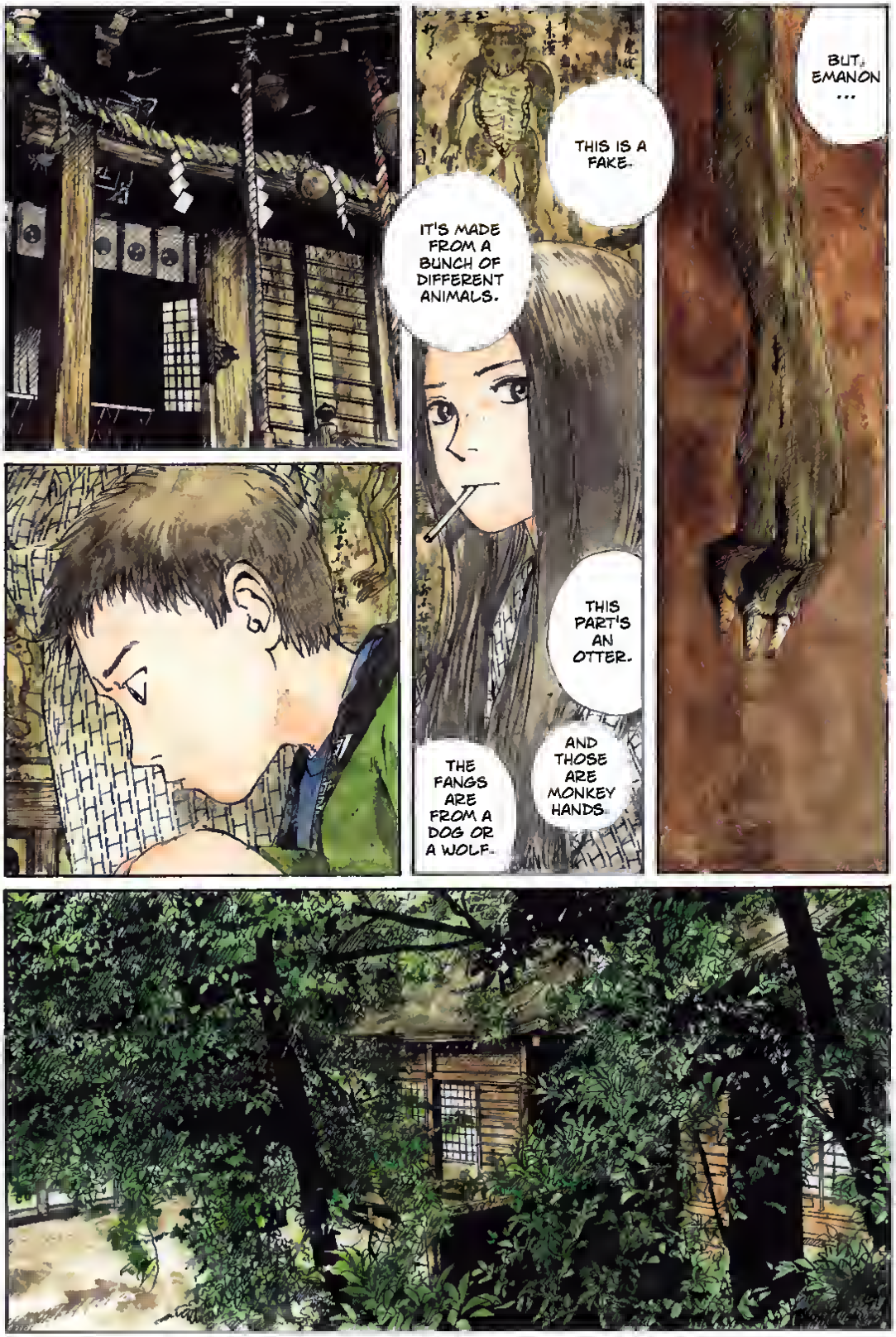
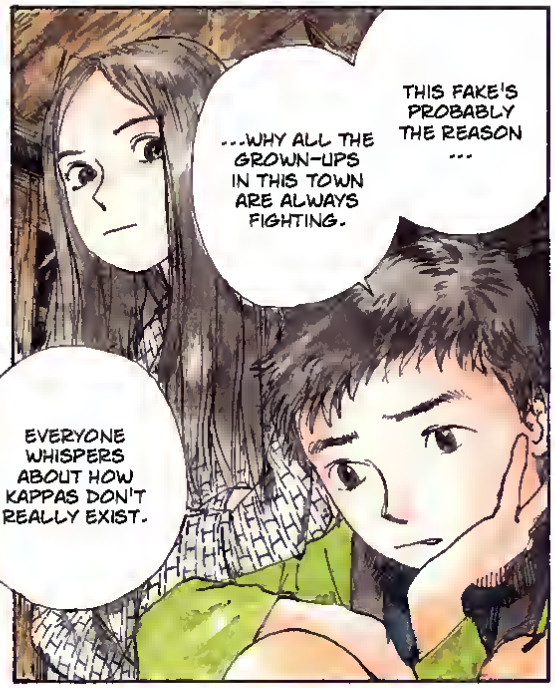
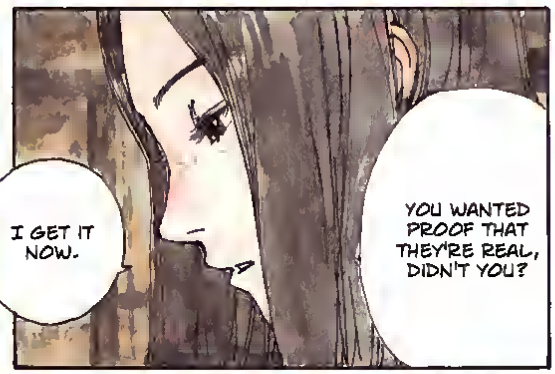
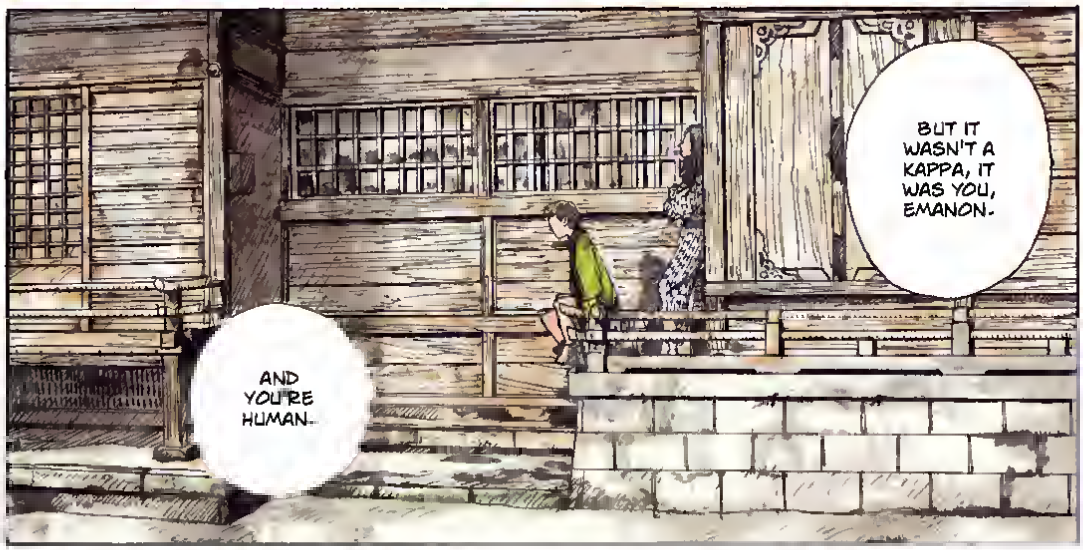


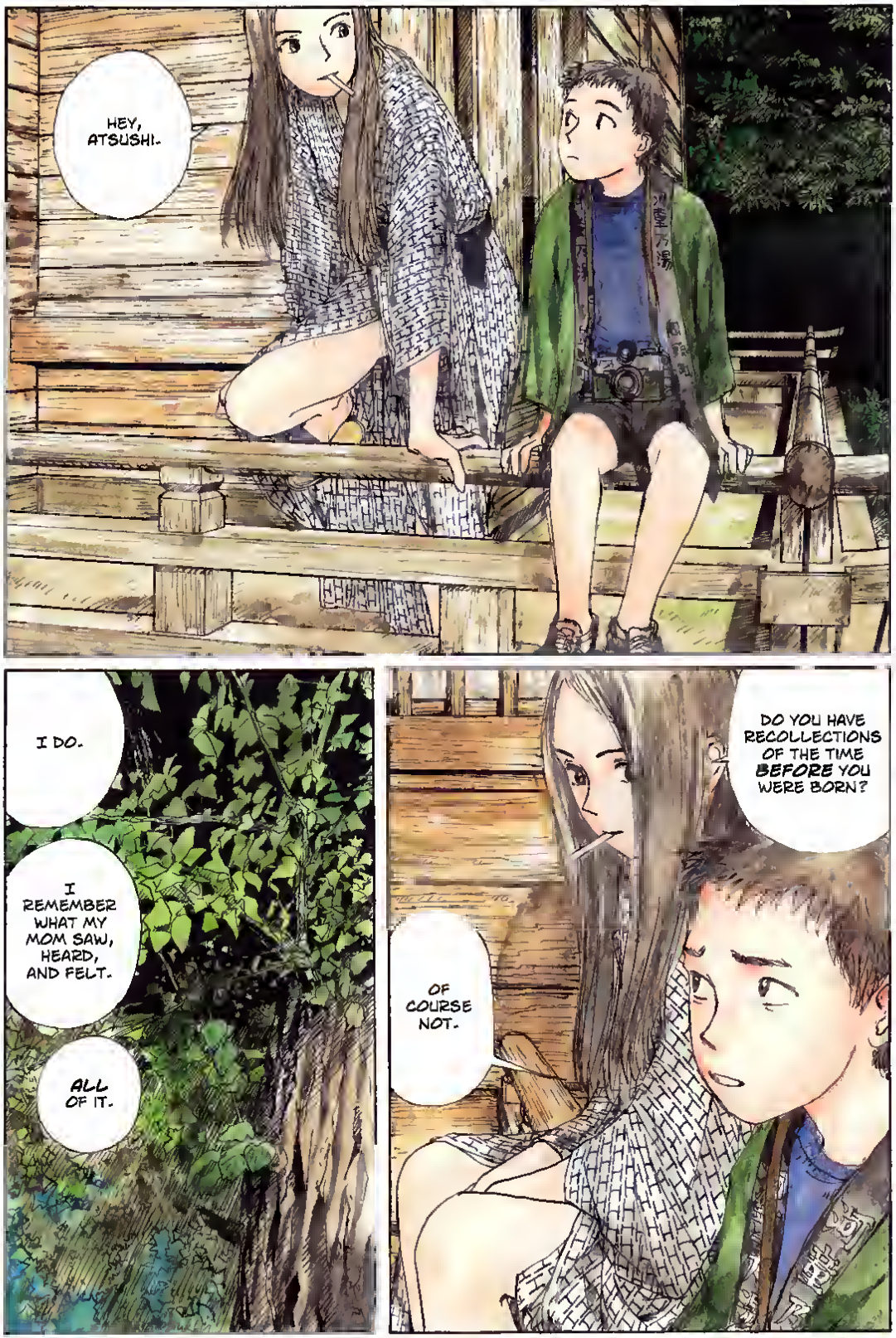

THIS IS A FAKE.
IT'S MADE FROM A BUNCH OF DIFFERENT ANIMALS.
THIS PART'S AN OTTER.
AND THOSE ARE MONKEY HANDS.
THE FANGS ARE FROM A DOG OR A WOLF.
BUT, EMANON ...

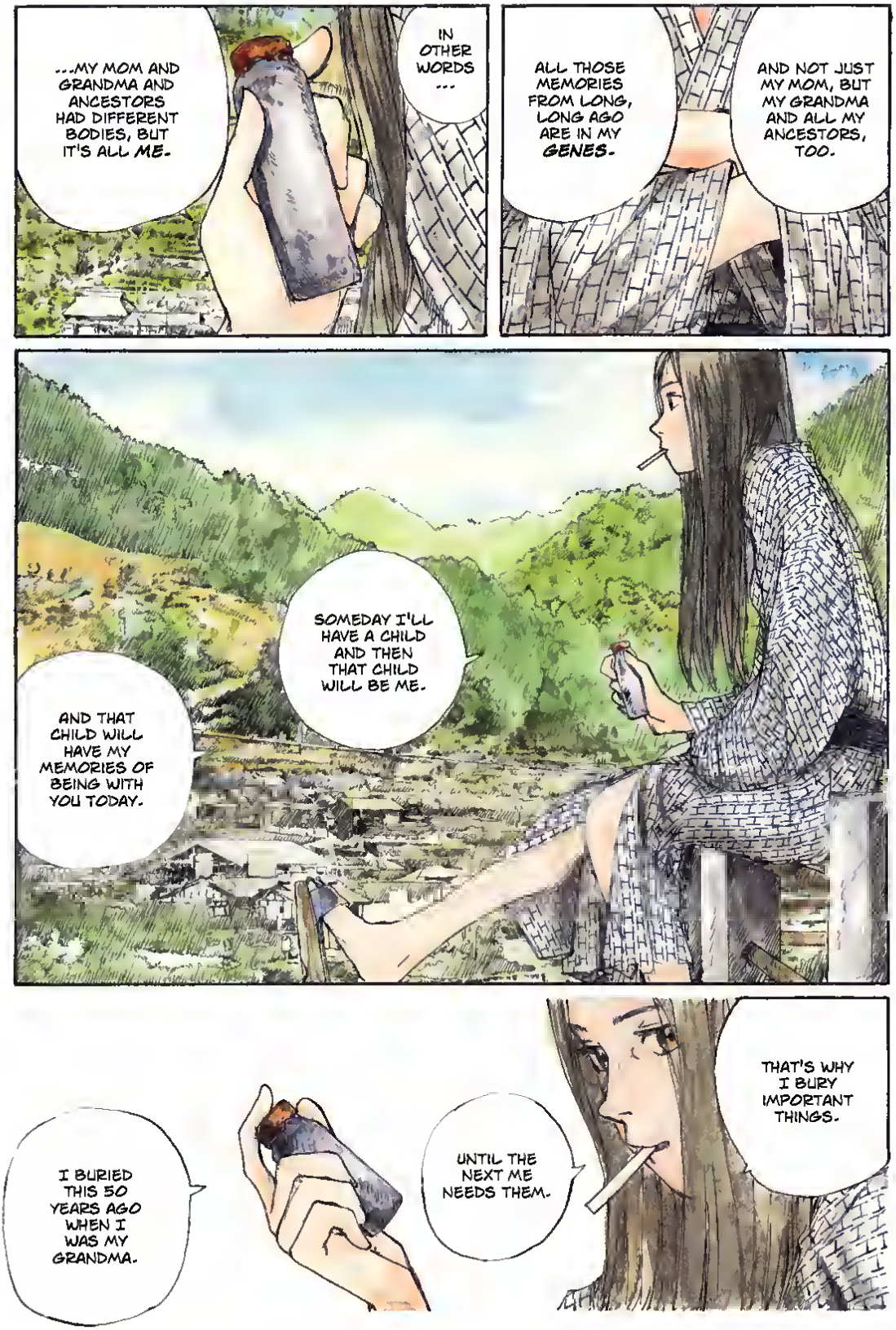
虎水

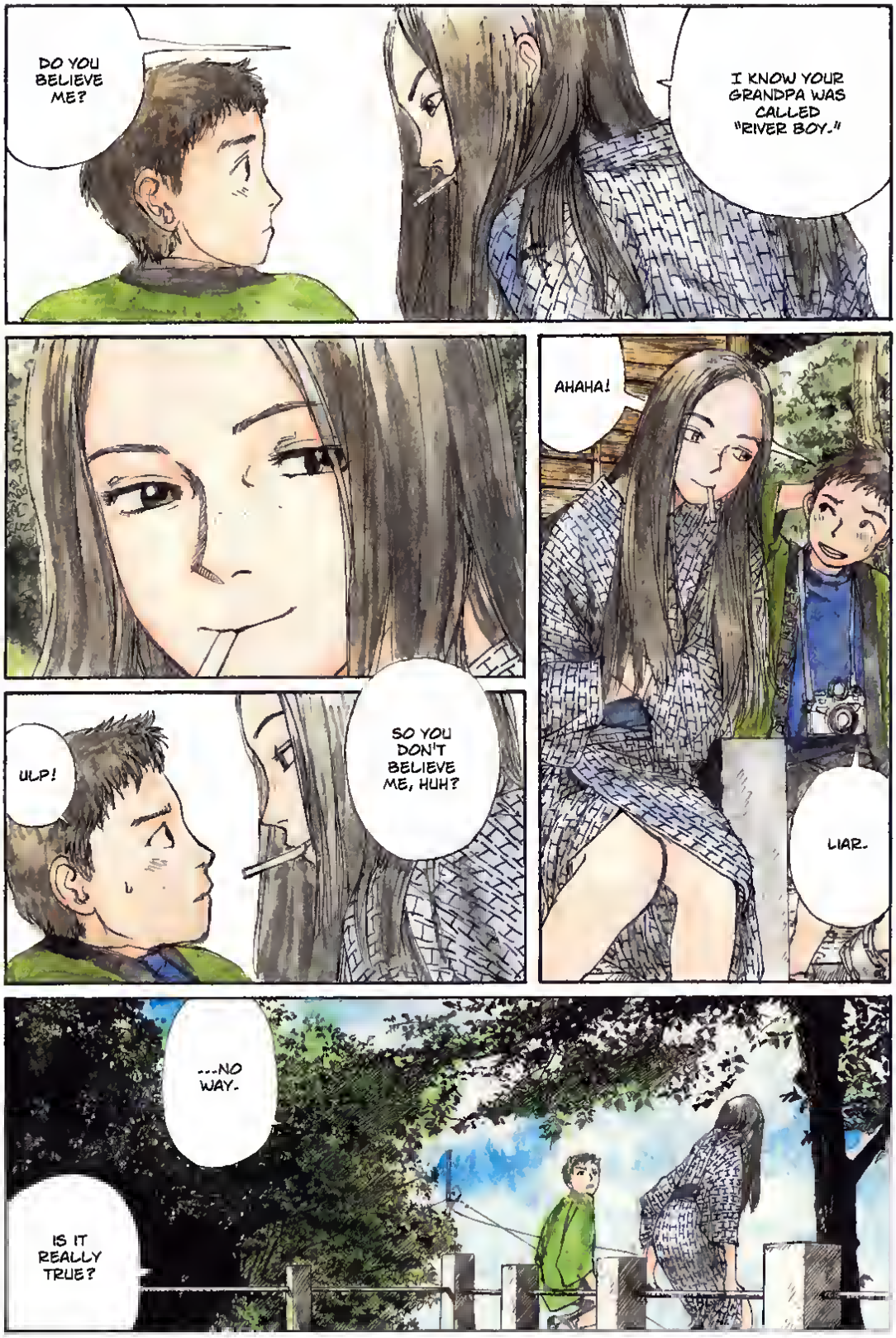

THIS FAKE'S PROBABLY THE REASON ...
...WHY ALL THE GROWN-UPS IN THIS TOWN ARE ALWAYS FIGHTING.
EVERYONE WHISPERS ABOUT HOW KAPPAS DON'T REALLY EXIST.

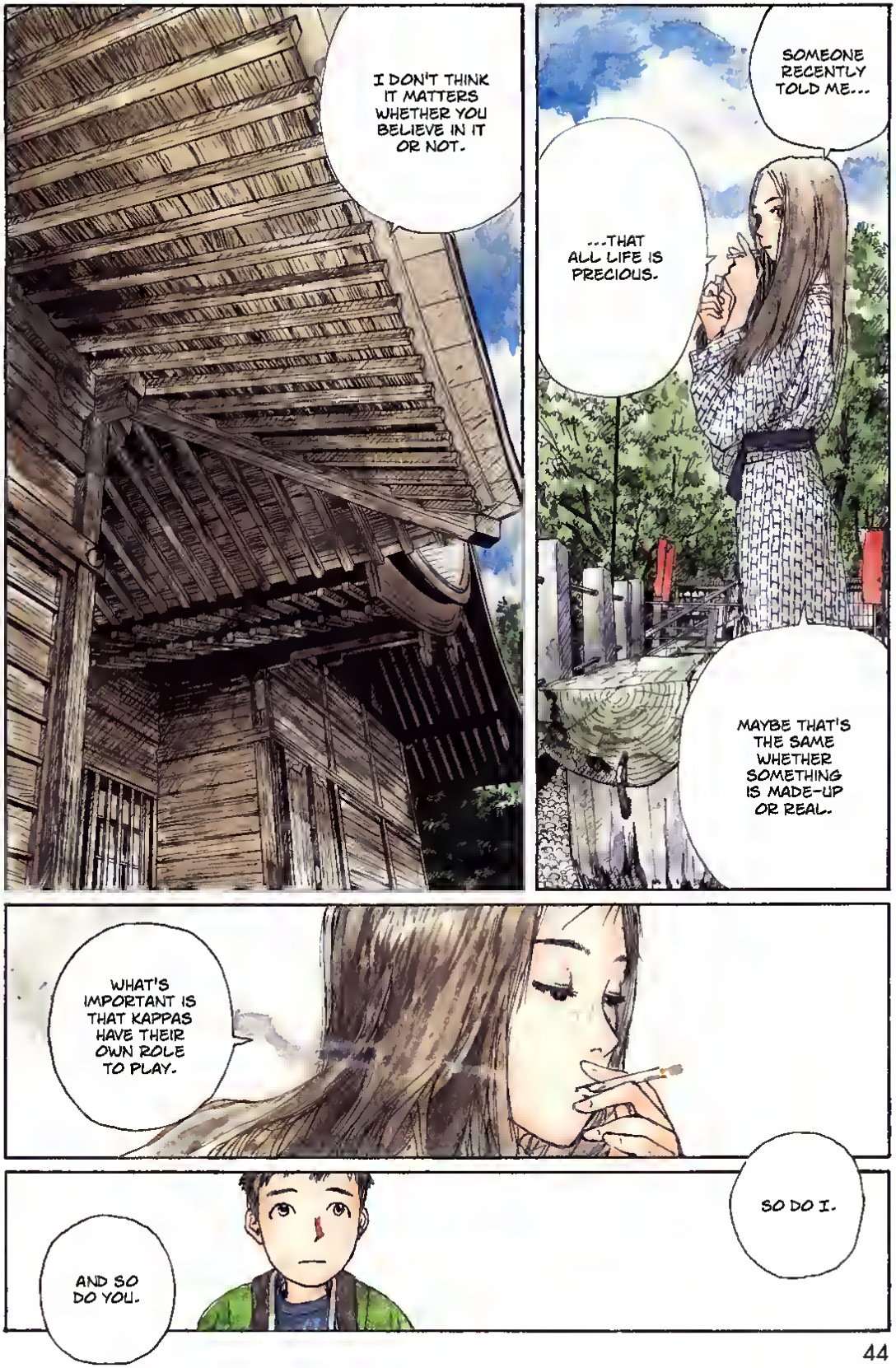

YOU WANTED PROOF THAT THEY'RE REAL, DIDN'T YOU?
I GET IT NOW.


BUT IT WASN'T A KAPPA, IT WAS YOU, EMANON.
AND YOU'RE HUMAN.


HEY, ATSUSHI.
DO YOU HAVE RECOLLECTIONS OF THE TIME BEFORE YOU WERE BORN?
OF COURSE NOT.
I DO.
I REMEMBER WHAT MY MOM SAW, HEARD, AND FELT.
ALL OF IT.


...MY MOM AND GRANDMA AND ANCESTORS HAD DIFFERENT BODIES, BUT IT'S ALL ME.
IN OTHER WORDS ...
ALL THOSE MEMORIES FROM LONG, LONG AGO ARE IN MY GENES.
AND NOT JUST MY MOM, BUT MY GRANDMA AND ALL MY ANCESTORS, TOO.
SOMEDAY I'LL HAVE A CHILD AND THEN THAT CHILD WILL BE ME.
AND THAT CHILD WILL HAVE MY MEMORIES OF BEING WITH YOU TODAY.
I BURIED THIS 50 YEARS AGO WHEN I WAS MY GRANDMA.
UNTIL THE NEXT ME NEEDS THEM.
THAT'S WHY I BURY IMPORTANT THINGS.


DO YOU BELIEVE ME?
I KNOW YOUR GRANDPA WAS CALLED "RIVER BOY."
AHAHA!
LIAR.
SO YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME, HUH?
ULP!
---NO WAY.
IS IT REALLY TRUE?


I DON'T THINK IT MATTERS WHETHER YOU BELIEVE IN IT OR NOT.
SOMEONE RECENTLY TOLD ME...
...THAT ALL LIFE IS PRECIOUS.
MAYBE THAT'S THE SAME WHETHER SOMETHING IS MADE-UP OR REAL.
WHAT'S IMPORTANT IS THAT KAPPAS HAVE THEIR OWN ROLE TO PLAY.
SO DO I.
AND SO DO YOU.

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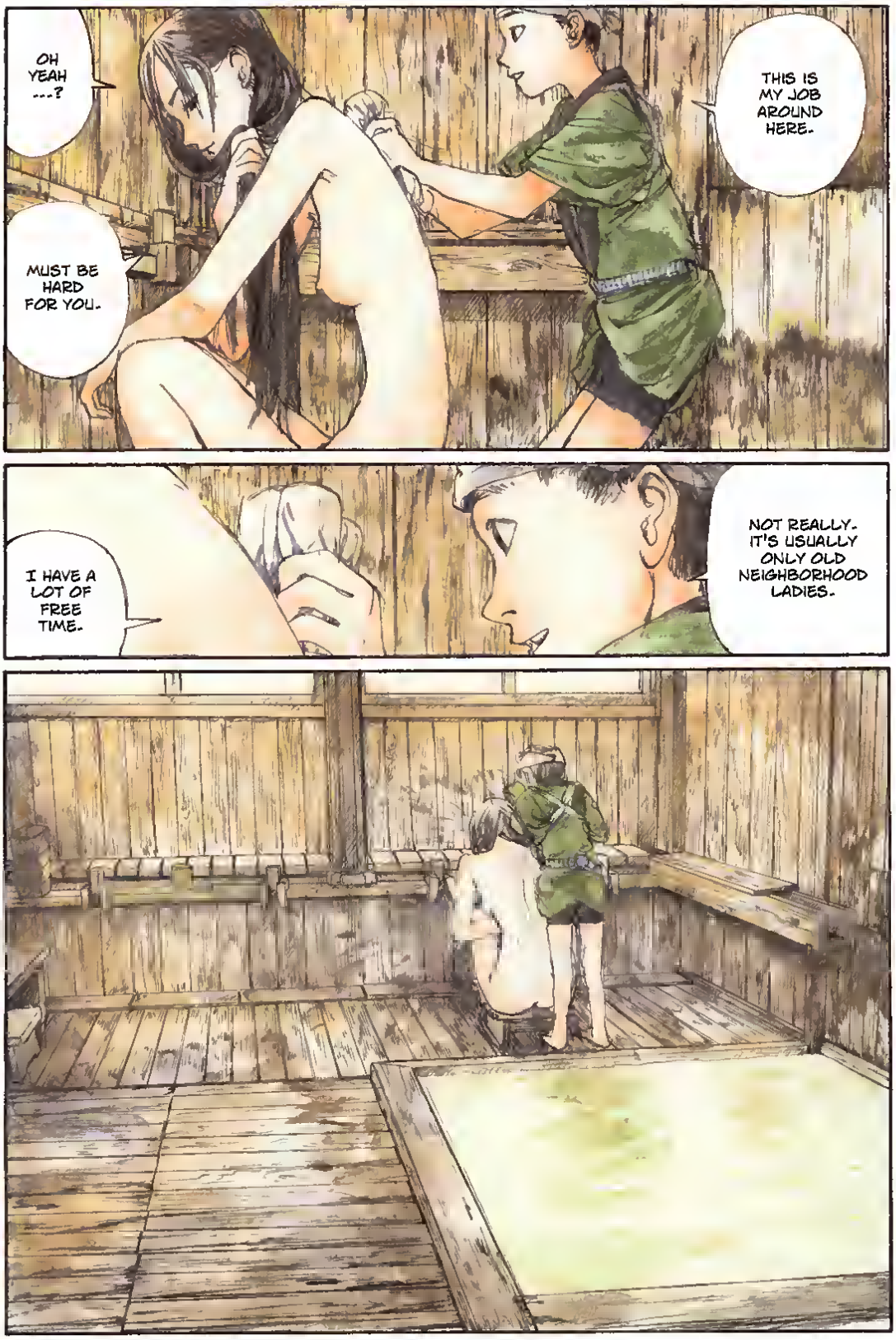
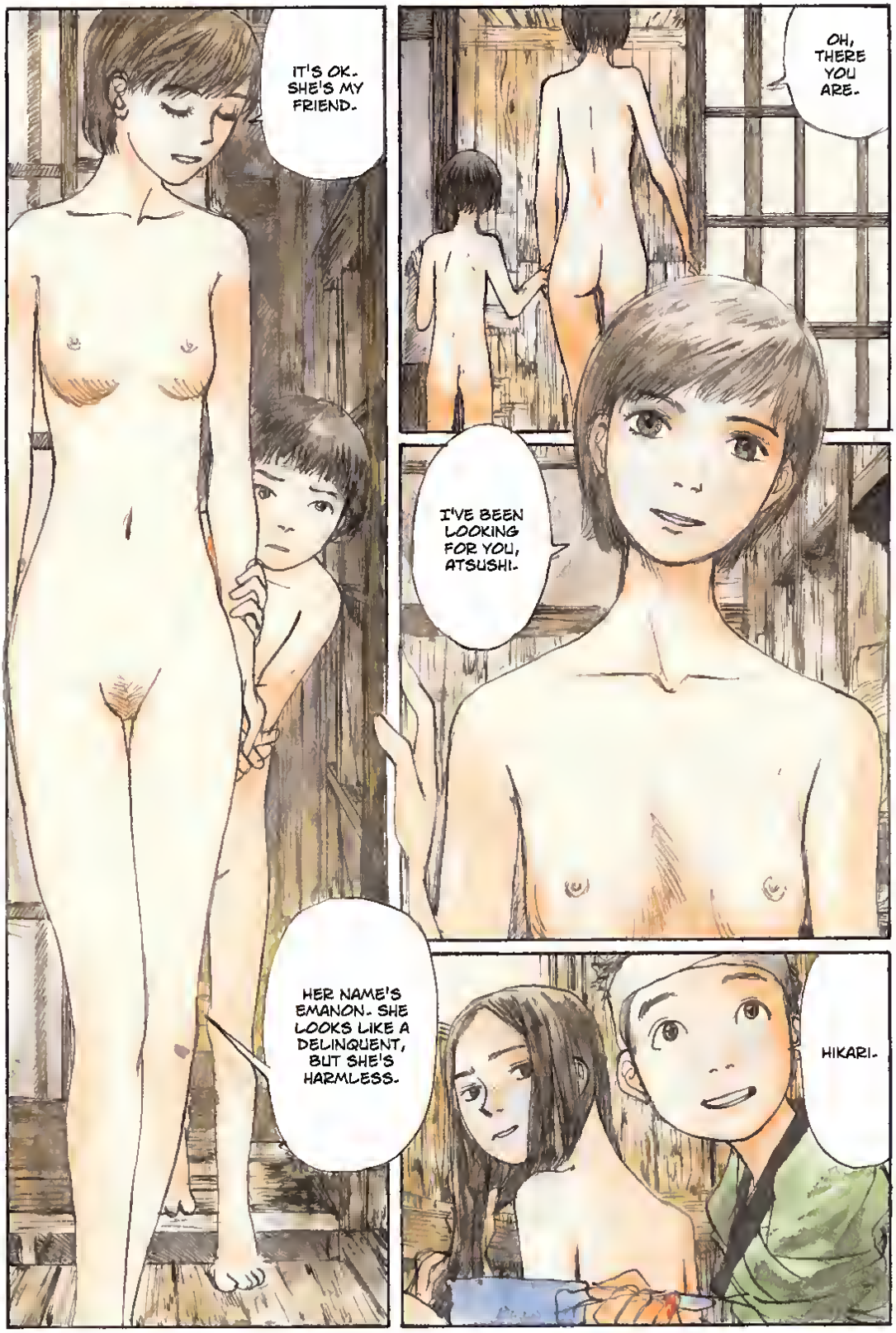
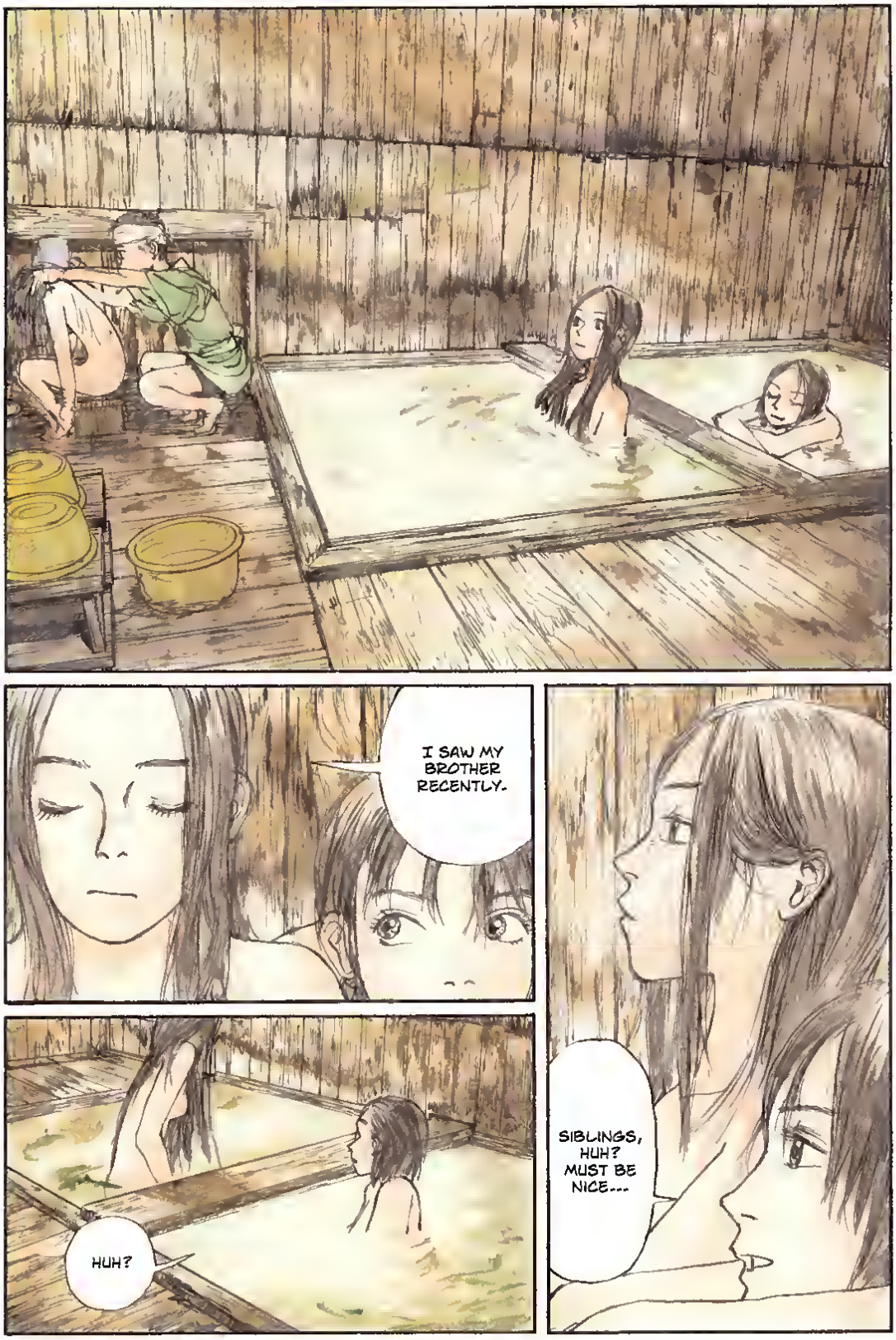
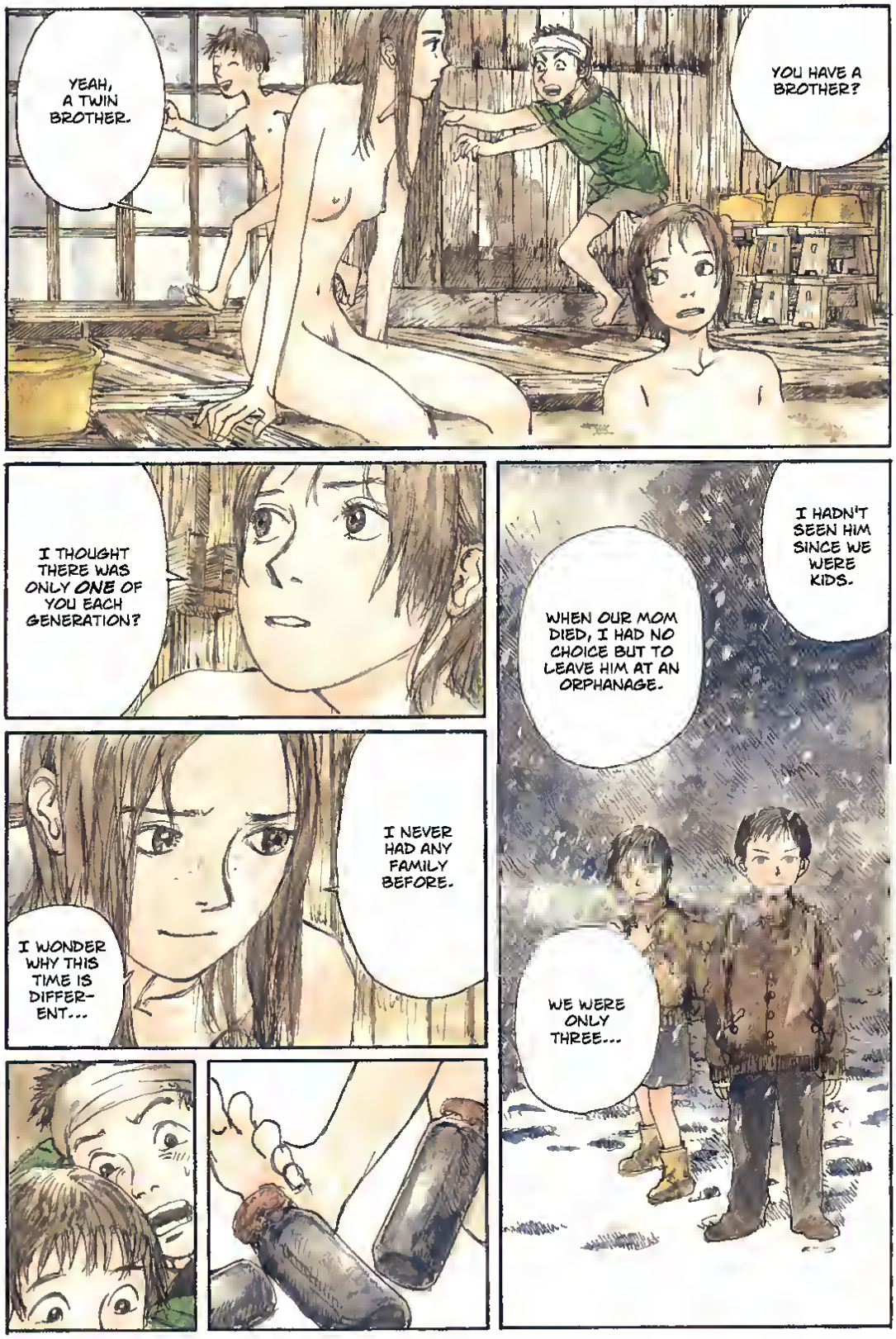
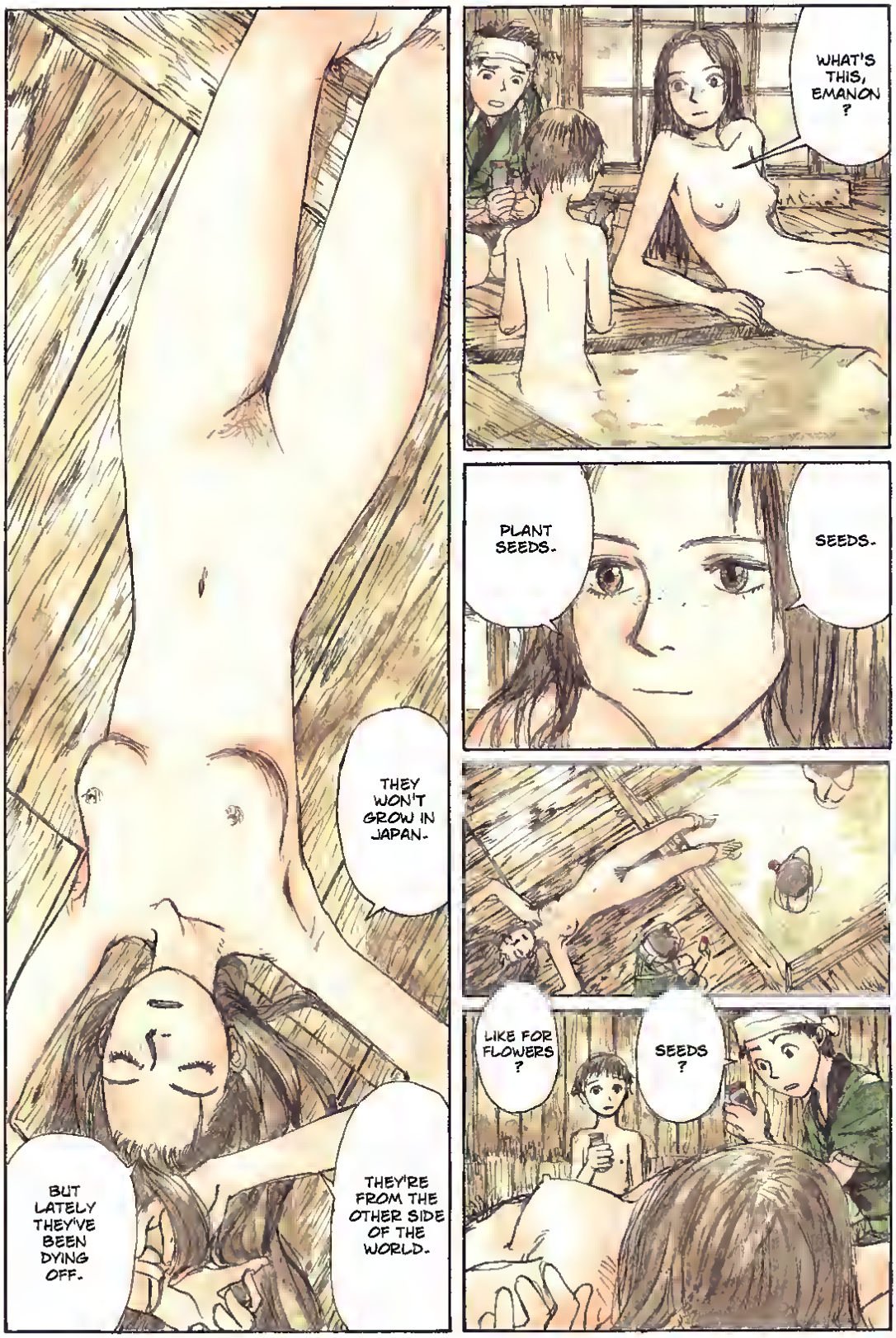
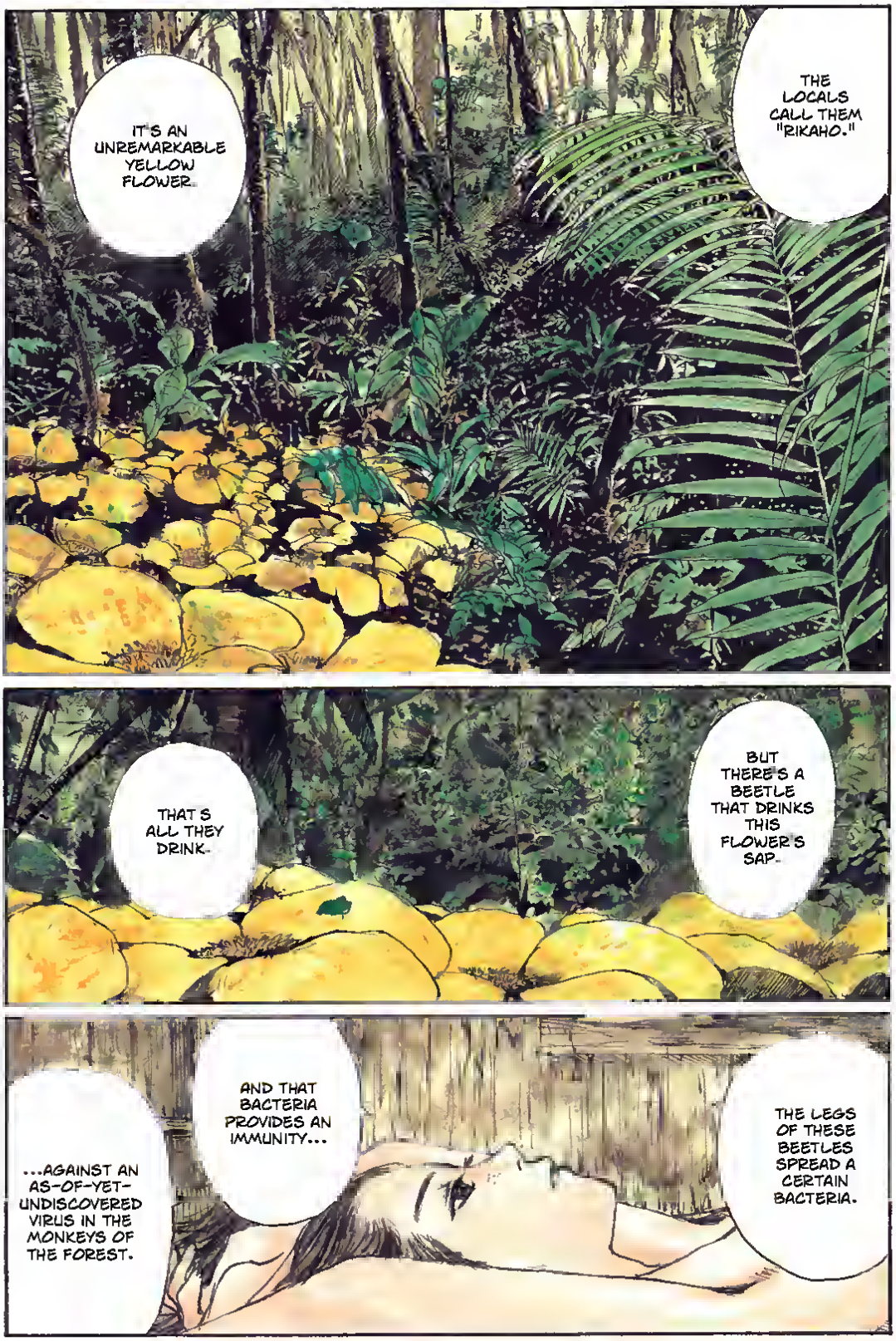

OH YEAH ---?
THIS IS MY JOB AROUND HERE.
MUST BE HARD FOR YOU.
I HAVE A LOT OF FREE TIME.
NOT REALLY. IT'S USUALLY ONLY OLD NEIGHBORHOOD LADIES.

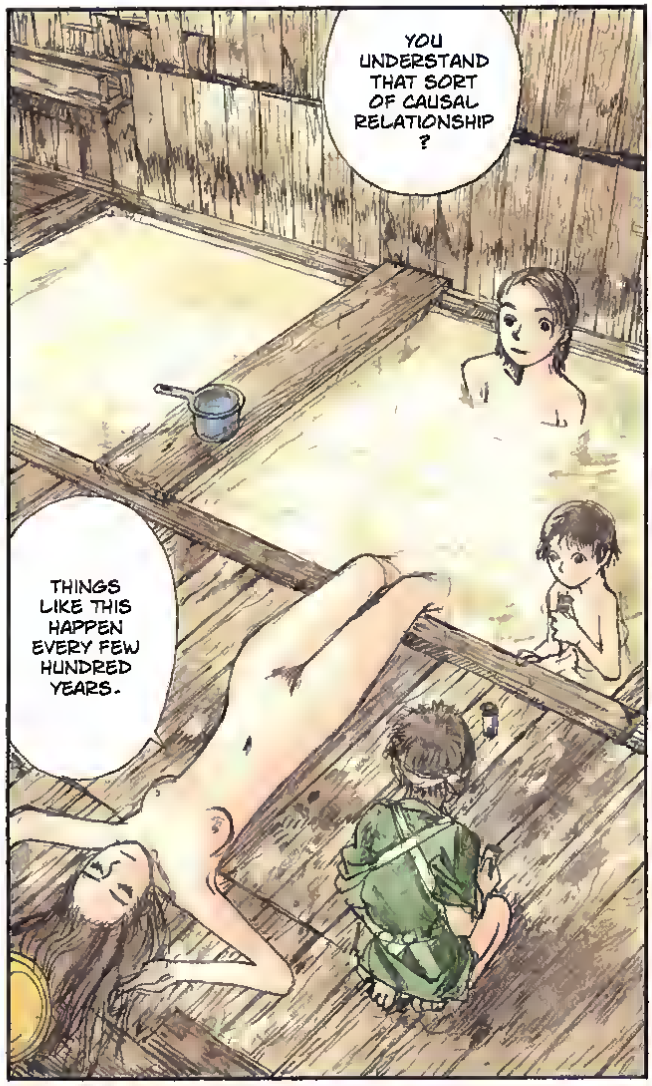

IT'S OK. SHE'S MY FRIEND.
OH, THERE YOU ARE.
I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU, ATSUSHI.
HER NAME'S EMANON. SHE LOOKS LIKE A DELINQUENT, BUT SHE'S HARMLESS.
HIKARI.


I SAW MY BROTHER RECENTLY.
HUH?
SIBLINGS, HUH? MUST BE NICE...

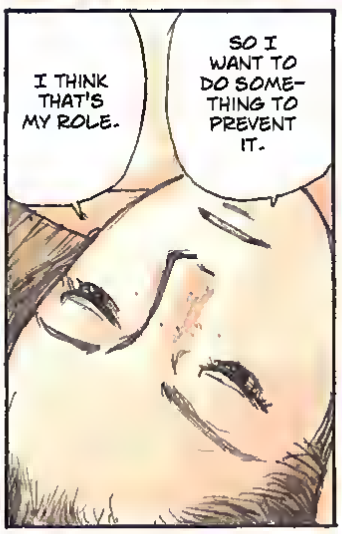

YEAH, A TWIN BROTHER.
YOU HAVE A BROTHER?
I THOUGHT THERE WAS ONLY ONE OF YOU EACH GENERATION?
I HADN'T SEEN HIM SINCE WE WERE KIDS.
WHEN OUR MOM DIED, I HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO LEAVE HIM AT AN ORPHANAGE.
I NEVER HAD ANY FAMILY BEFORE.
I WONDER WHY THIS TIME IS DIFFER-ENT...
WE WERE ONLY THREE...

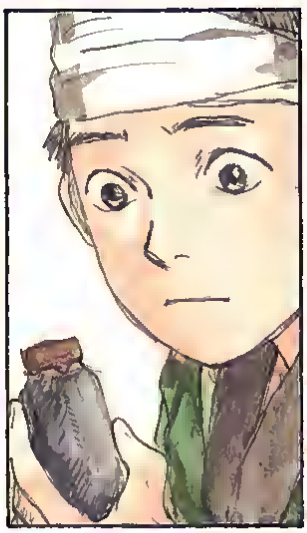

WHAT'S THIS, EMANON?
SEEDS.
PLANT SEEDS.
THEY WON'T GROW IN JAPAN.
THEY'RE FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WORLD.
BUT LATELY THEY'VE BEEN DYING OFF.
SEEDS?
LIKE FOR FLOWERS?

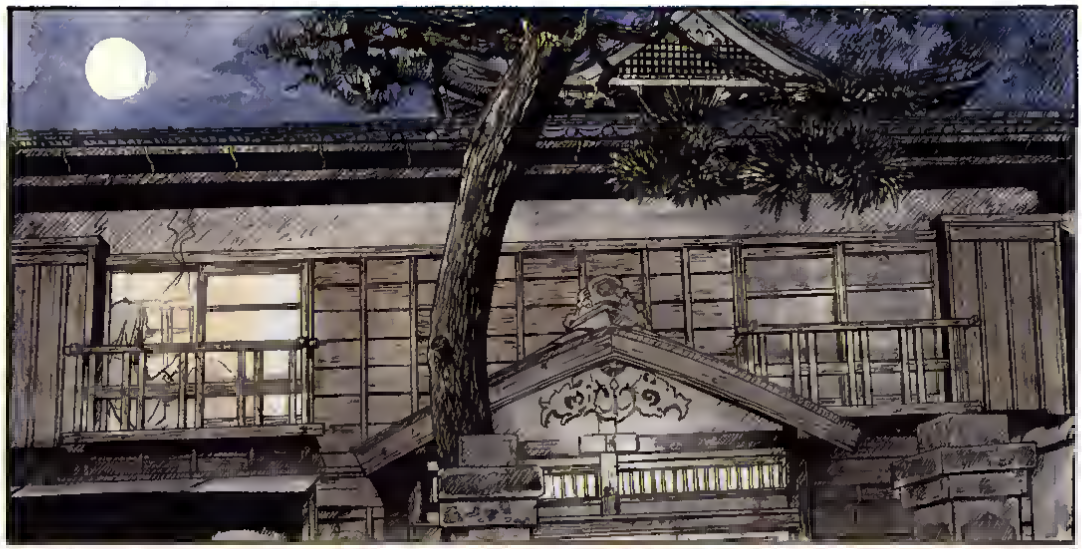

IT'S AN UNREMARKABLE YELLOW FLOWER.
THE LOCALS CALL THEM "RIKAHO."
THAT'S ALL THEY DRINK.
BUT THERE'S A BEETLE THAT DRINKS THIS FLOWER'S SAP.
...AGAINST AN AS-OF-YET-UNDISCOVERED VIRUS IN THE MONKEYS OF THE FOREST.
AND THAT BACTERIA PROVIDES AN IMMUNITY...
THE LEGS OF THESE BEETLES SPREAD A CERTAIN BACTERIA.

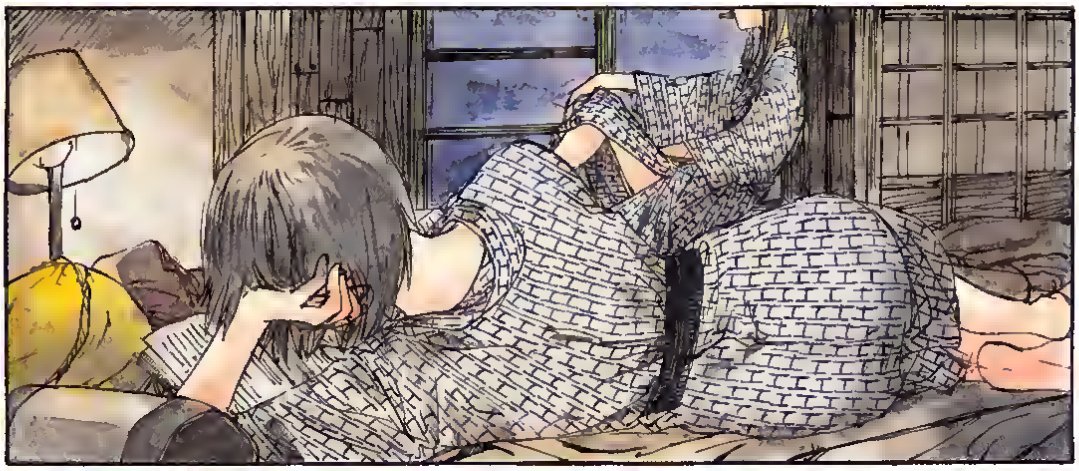

YOU UNDERSTAND THAT SORT OF CAUSAL RELATIONSHIP ?
THINGS LIKE THIS HAPPEN EVERY FEW HUNDRED YEARS.

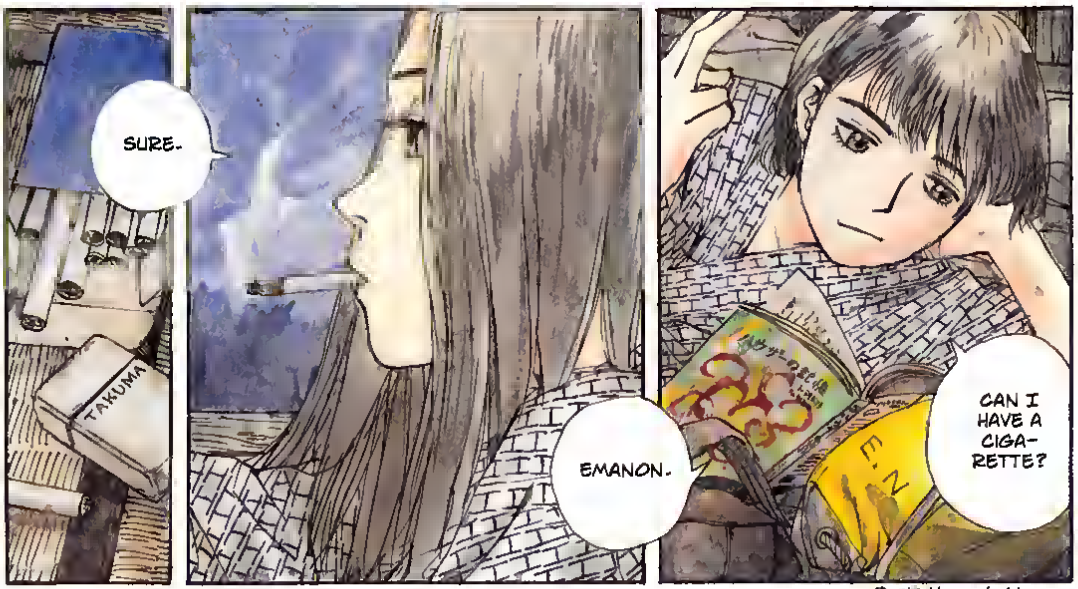
IF THE BEETLES DISAPPEAR, VARIOUS ANIMAL POPULATIONS WILL BE DEVASTATED BY A MYSTERIOUS AND HIGHLY-LETHAL DISEASE.


I THINK THAT'S MY ROLE.
SO I WANT TO DO SOME-THING TO PREVENT IT.

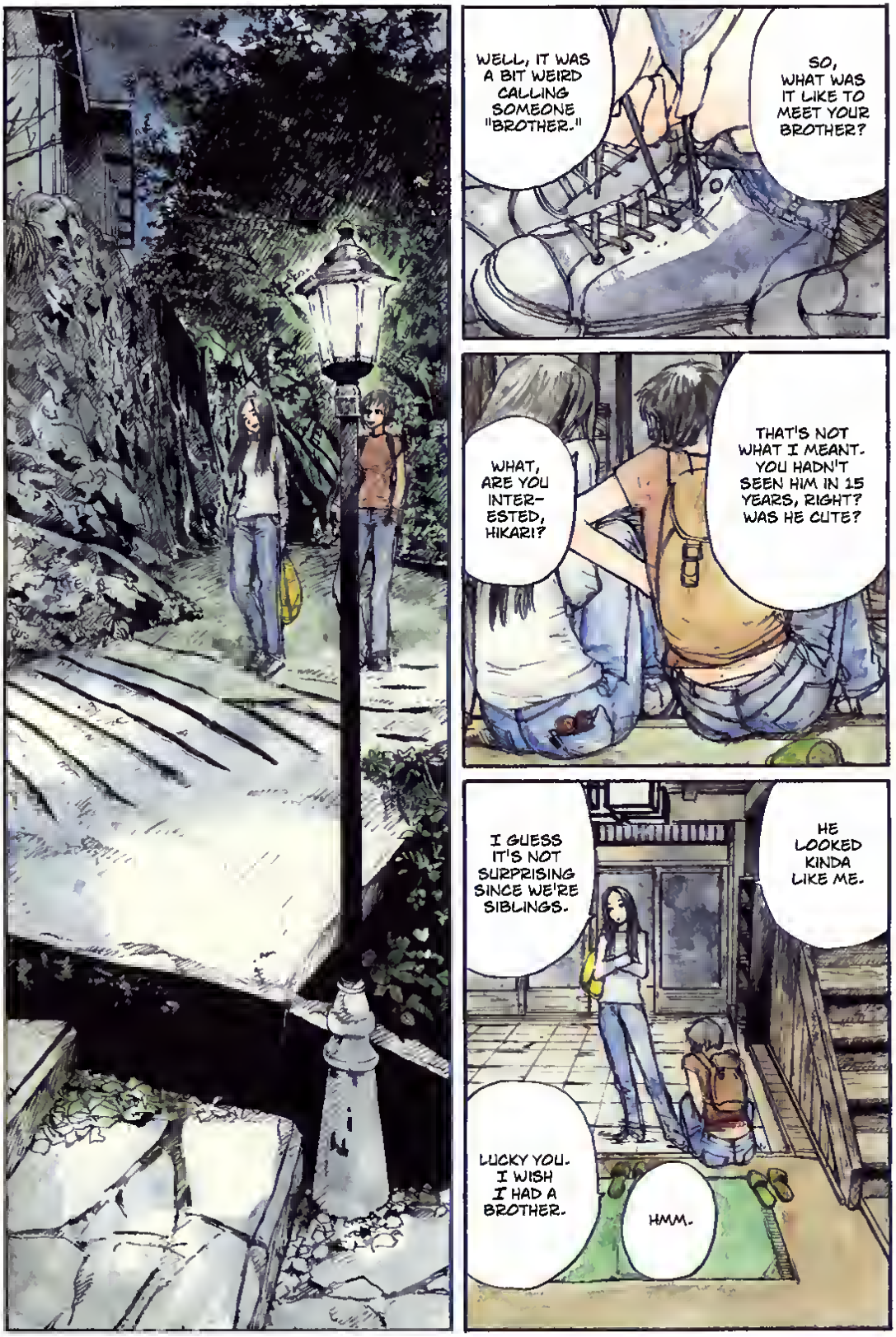


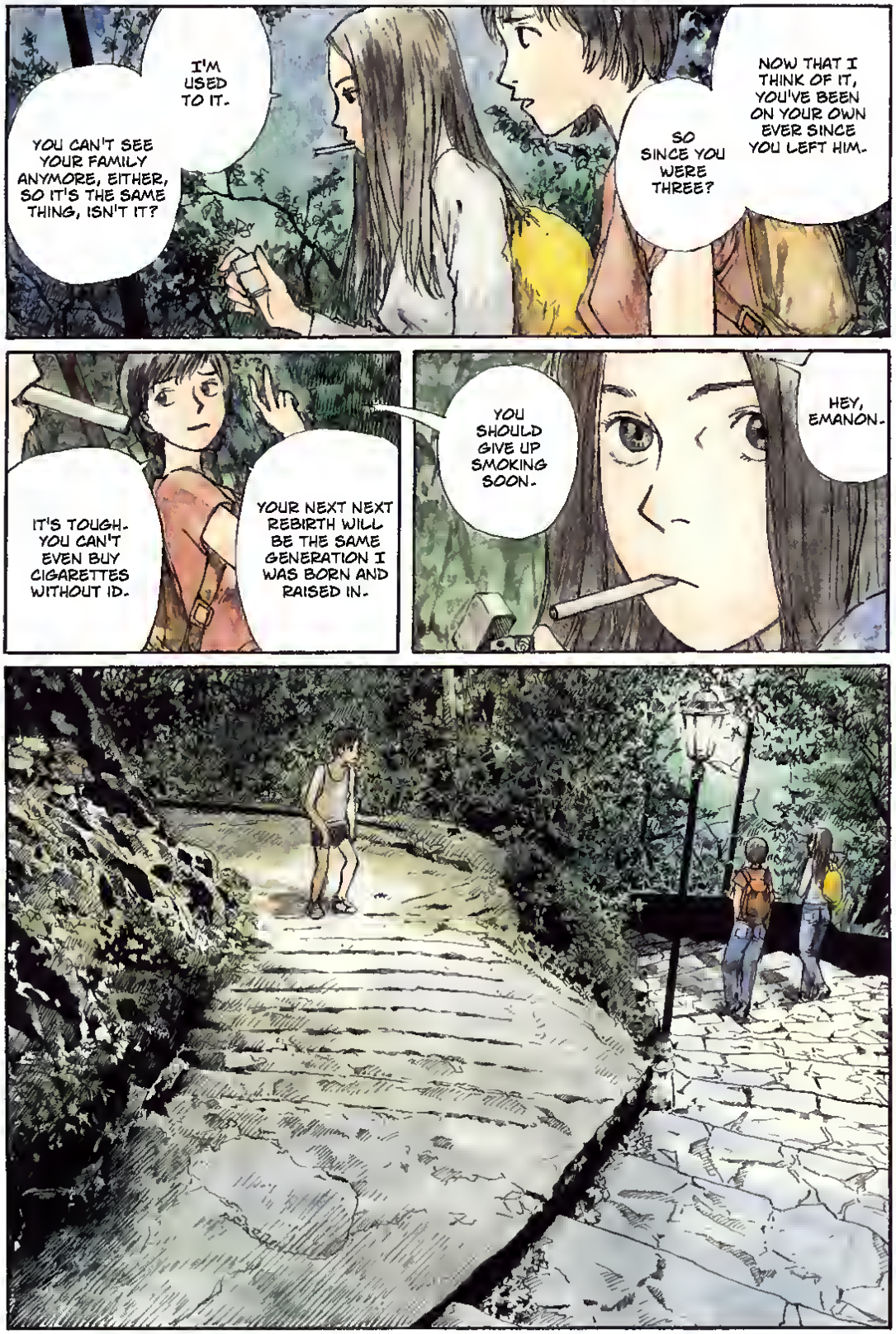


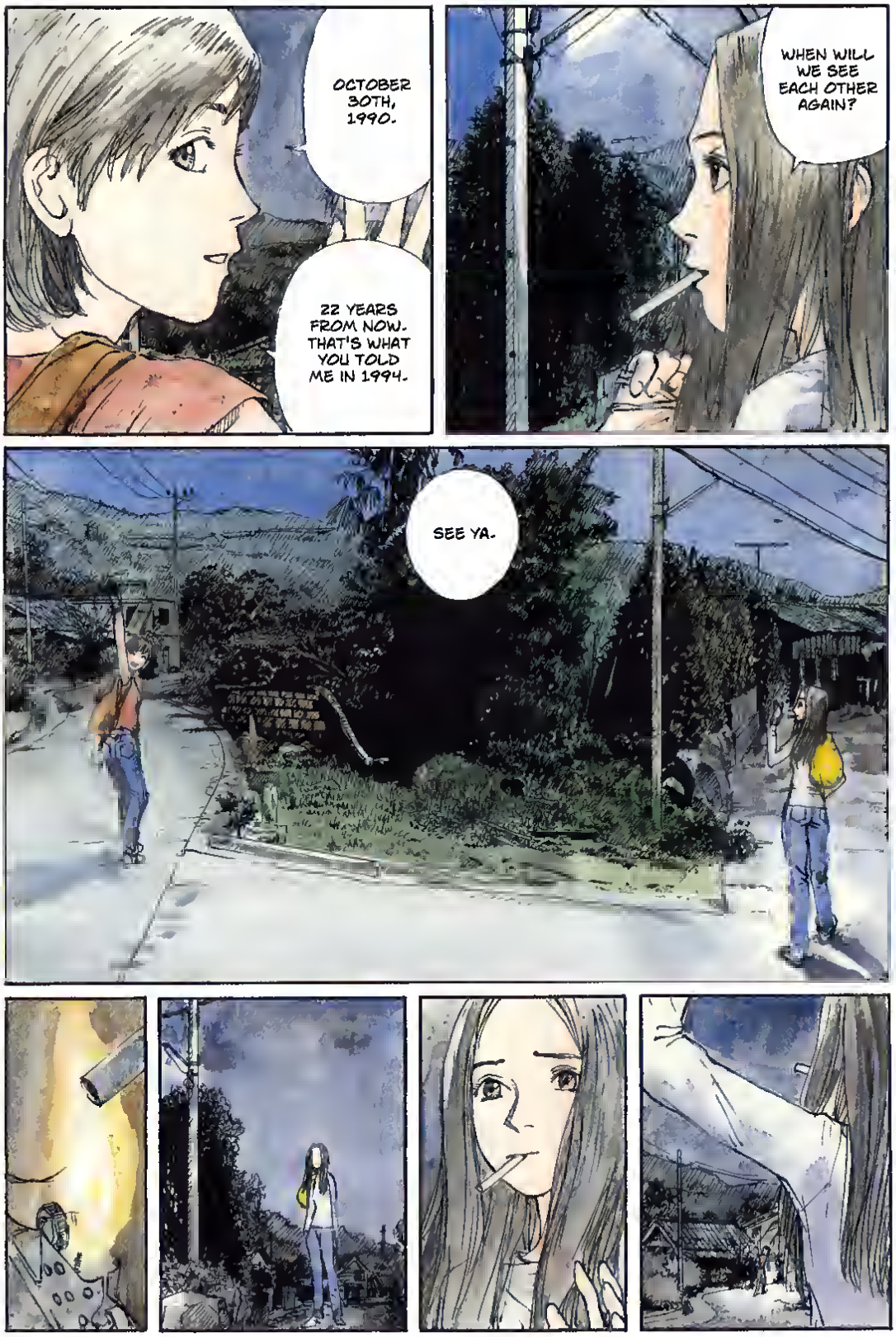




Book: Hauser's Memory.


WELL, IT WAS A BIT WEIRD CALLING SOMEONE "BROTHER."
SO, WHAT WAS IT LIKE TO MEET YOUR BROTHER?
WHAT, ARE YOU INTER-ESTED, HIKARI?
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT. YOU HADN'T SEEN HIM IN 15 YEARS, RIGHT? WAS HE CUTE?
I GUESS IT'S NOT SURPRISING SINCE WE'RE SIBLINGS.
HE LOOKED KINDA LIKE ME.
LUCKY YOU. I WISH I HAD A BROTHER.
HMM.


I'M USED TO IT.
YOU CAN'T SEE YOUR FAMILY ANYMORE, EITHER, SO IT'S THE SAME THING, ISN'T IT?
SO SINCE YOU WERE THREE?
NOW THAT I THINK OF IT, YOU'VE BEEN ON YOUR OWN EVER SINCE YOU LEFT HIM.
IT'S TOUGH. YOU CAN'T EVEN BUY CIGARETTES WITHOUT ID.
YOUR NEXT NEXT REBIRTH WILL BE THE SAME GENERATION I WAS BORN AND RAISED IN.
YOU SHOULD GIVE UP SMOKING SOON.
HEY, EMANON.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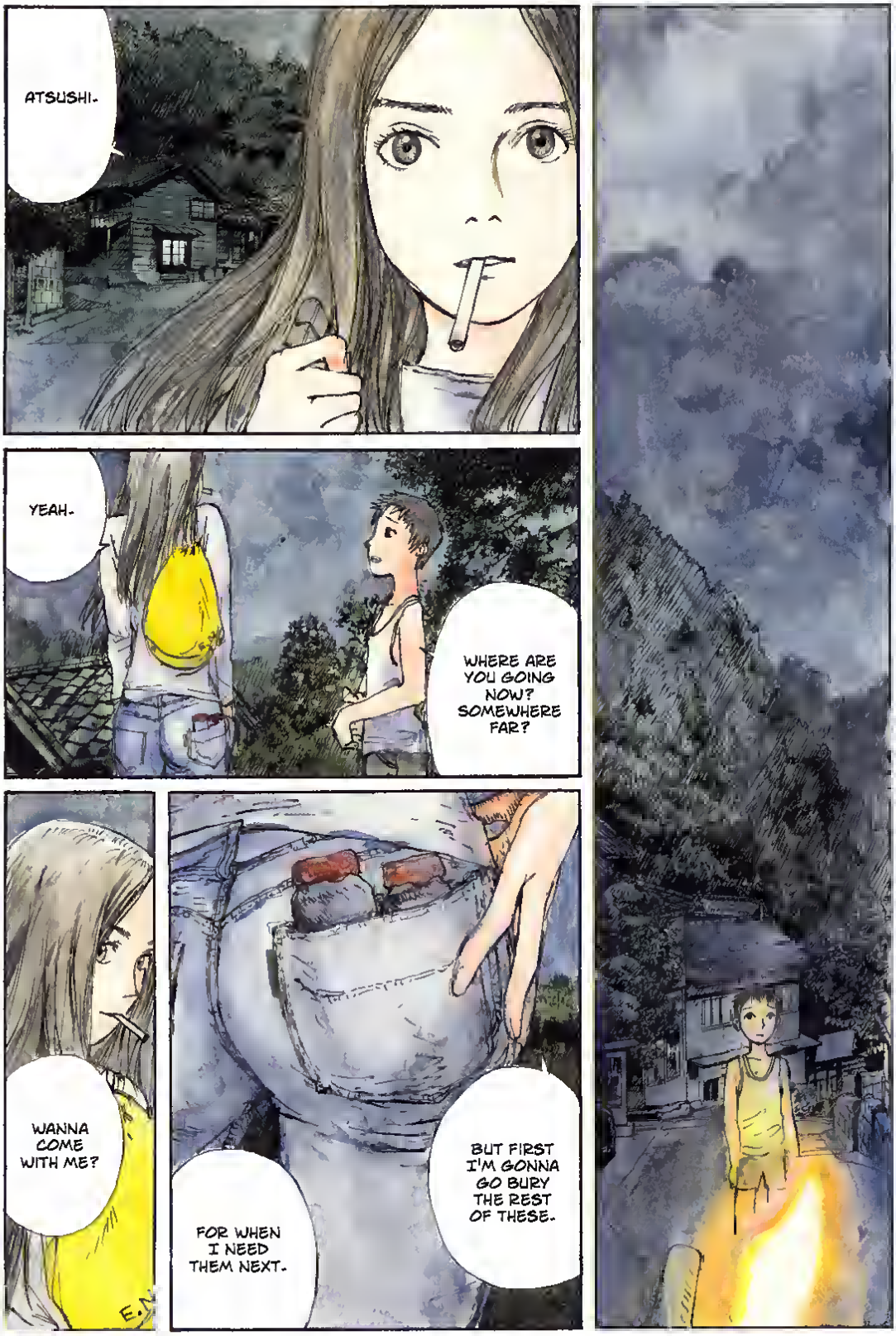
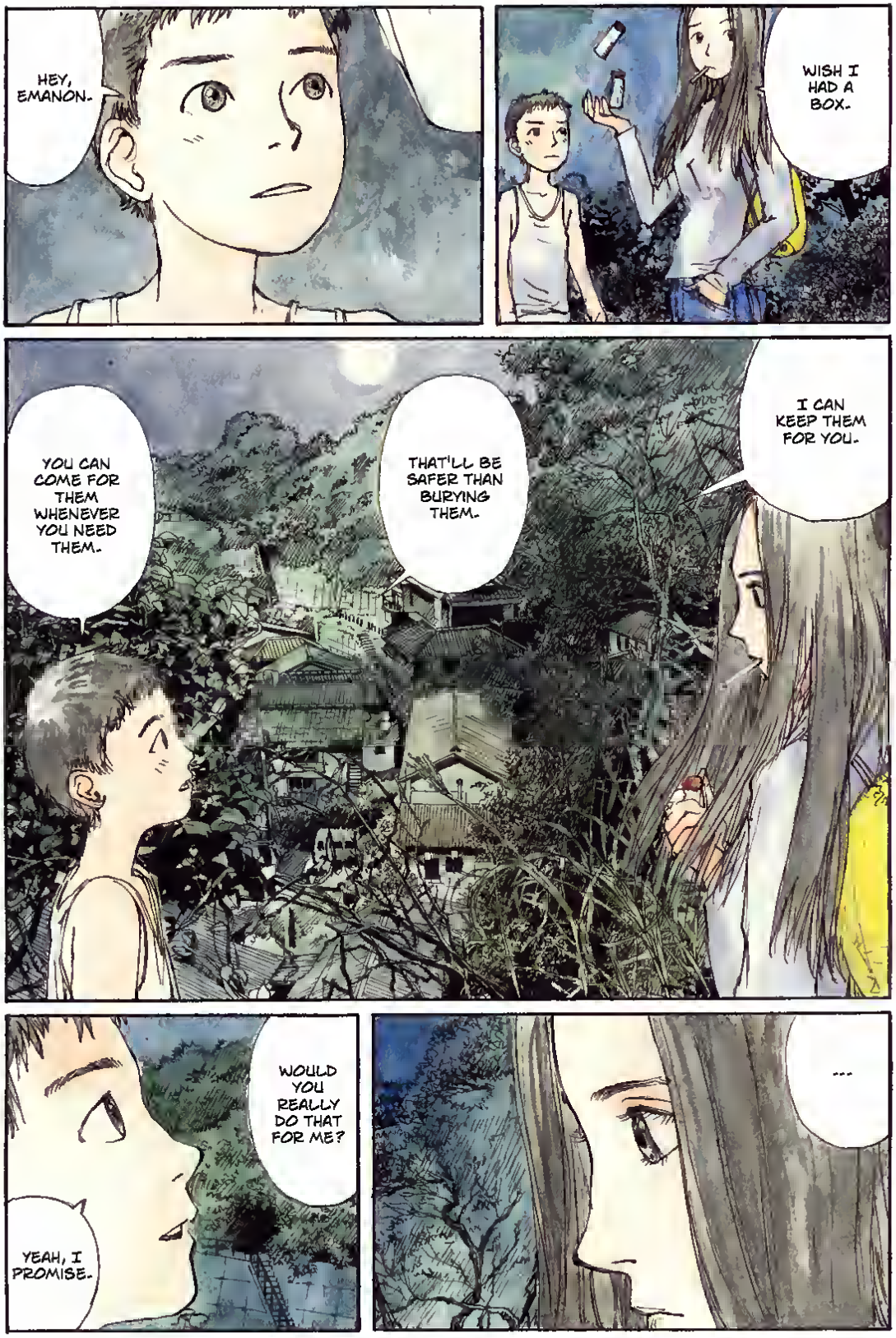
22 YEARS FROM NOW. THAT'S WHAT YOU TOLD ME IN 1994.
WHEN WILL WE SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN?
SEE YA.


ATSUSHI.
YEAH.
WHERE ARE YOU GOING NOW? SOMEWHERE FAR?
WANNA COME WITH ME?
FOR WHEN I NEED THEM NEXT.
BUT FIRST I'M GONNA GO BURY THE REST OF THESE.


HEY, EMANON.
WISH I HAD A BOX.
I CAN KEEP THEM FOR YOU.
THAT'LL BE SAFER THAN BURYING THEM.
YOU CAN COME FOR THEM WHENEVER YOU NEED THEM.
WOULD YOU REALLY DO THAT FOR ME?
YEAH, I PROMISE.
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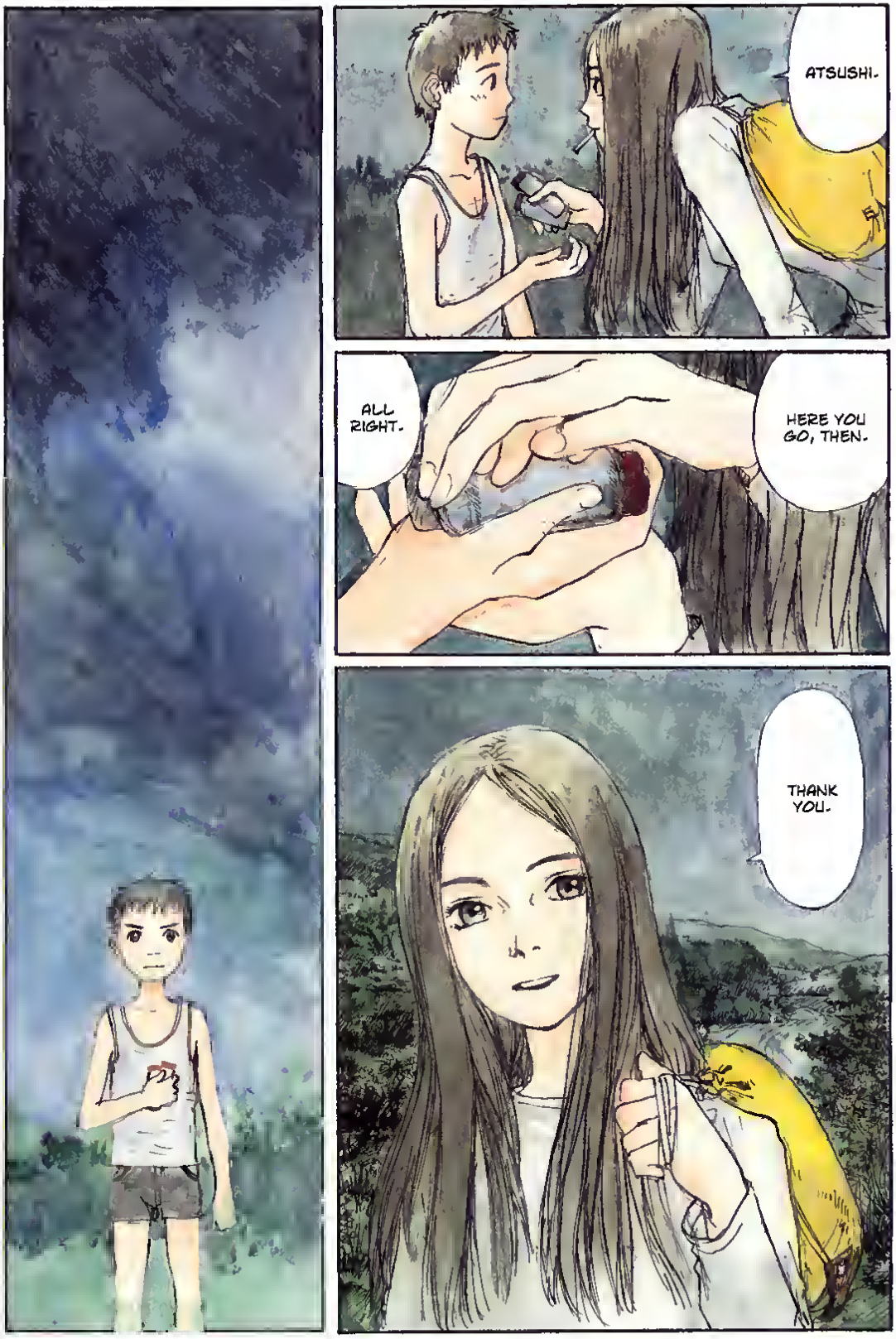
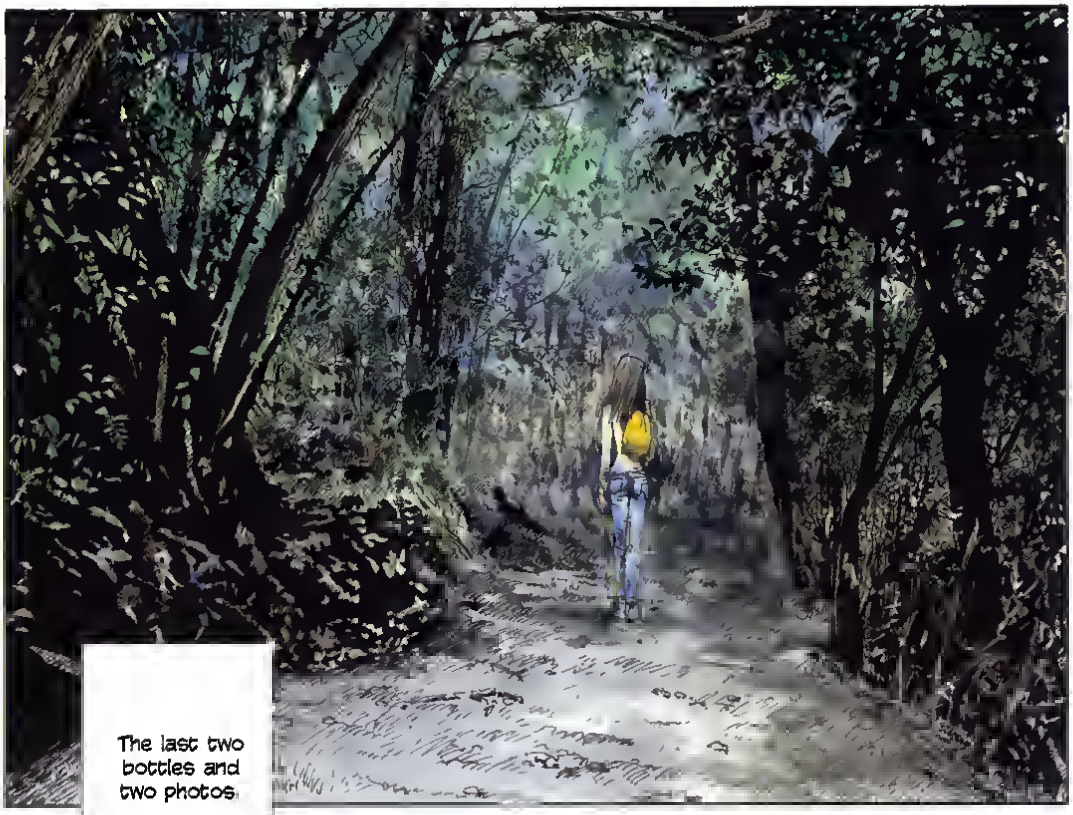
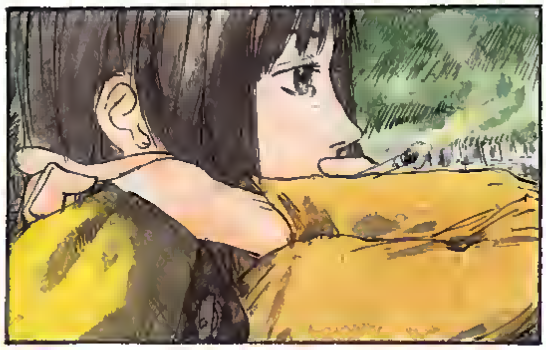
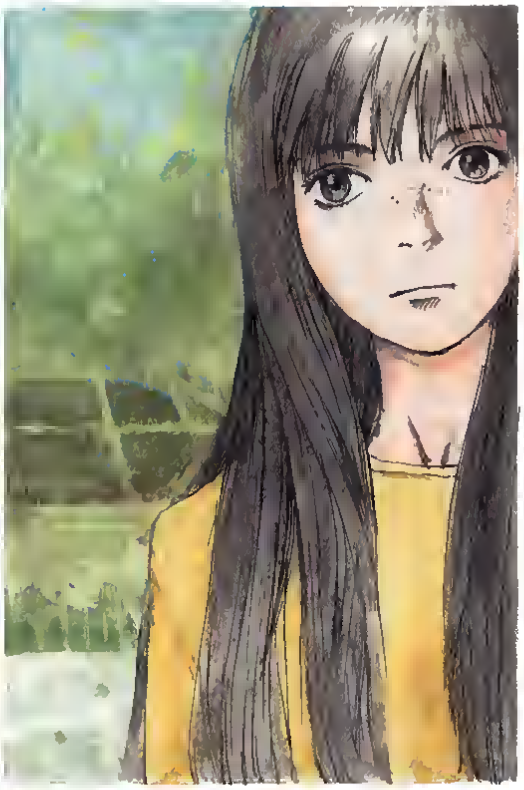
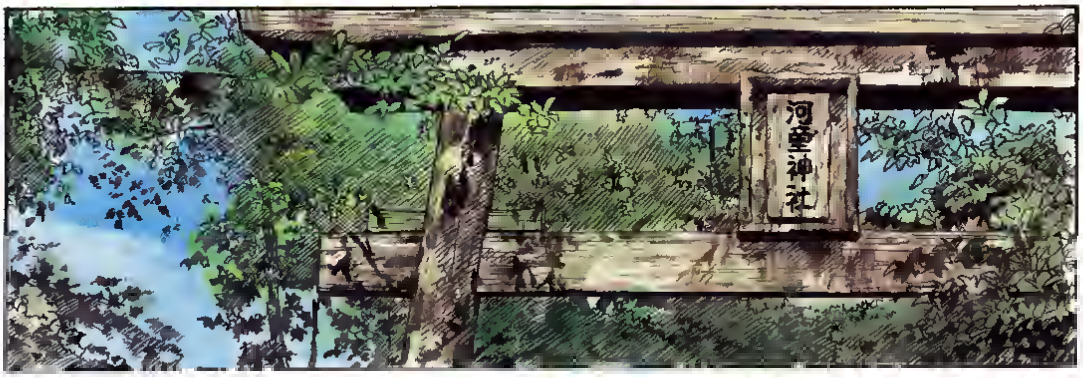

ATSUSHI.
ALL RIGHT.
HERE YOU GO, THEN.
THANK YOU.


The last two bottles and two photos.

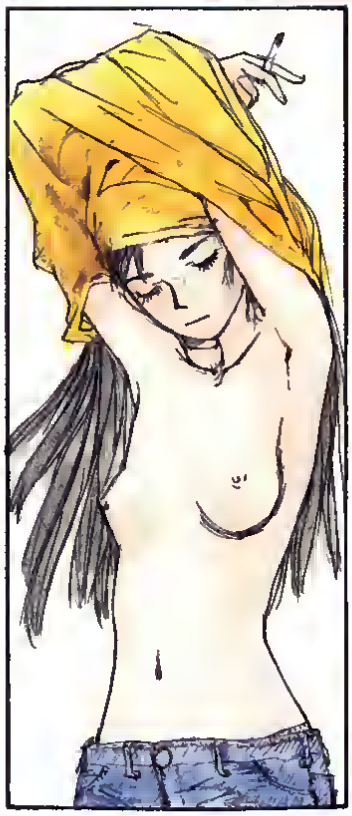
...kept their mouths shut and never told anyone what happened those two days.
For some reason the town's adults...

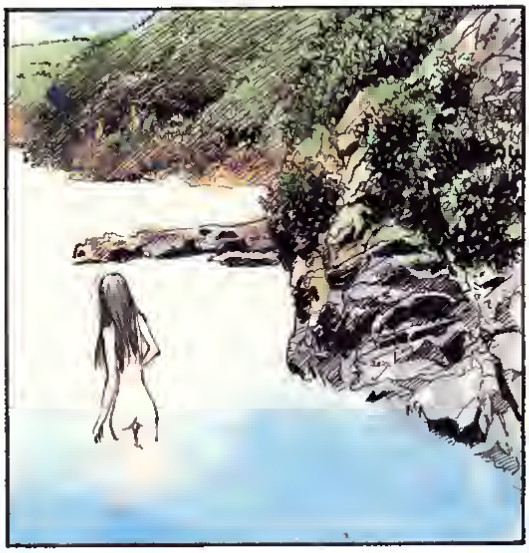


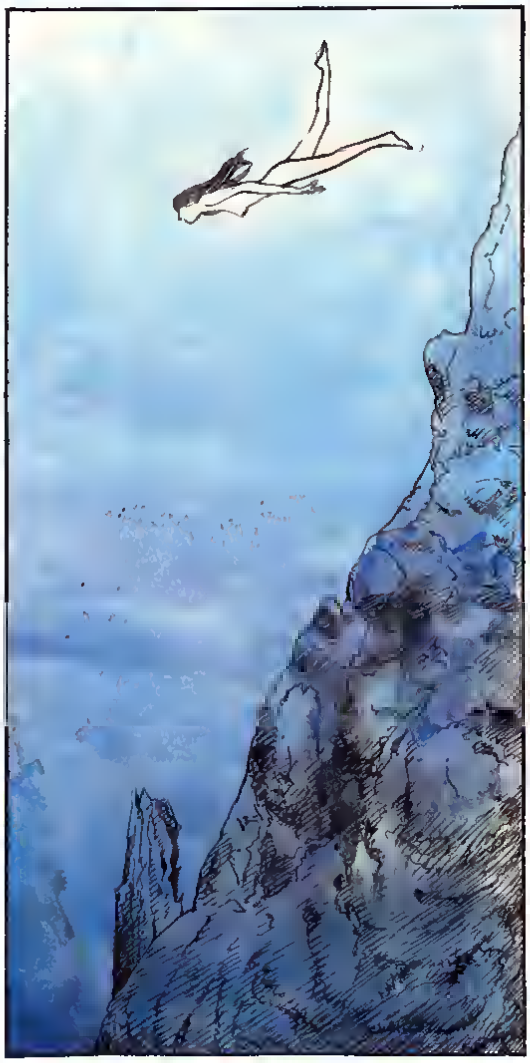


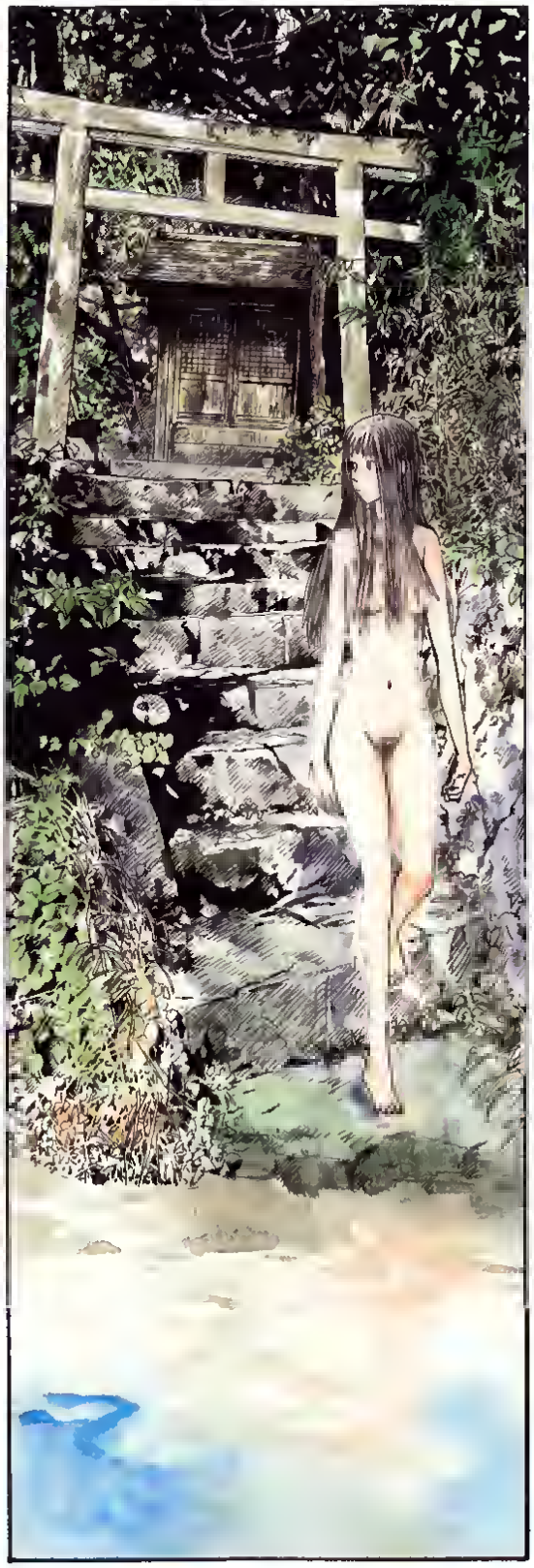


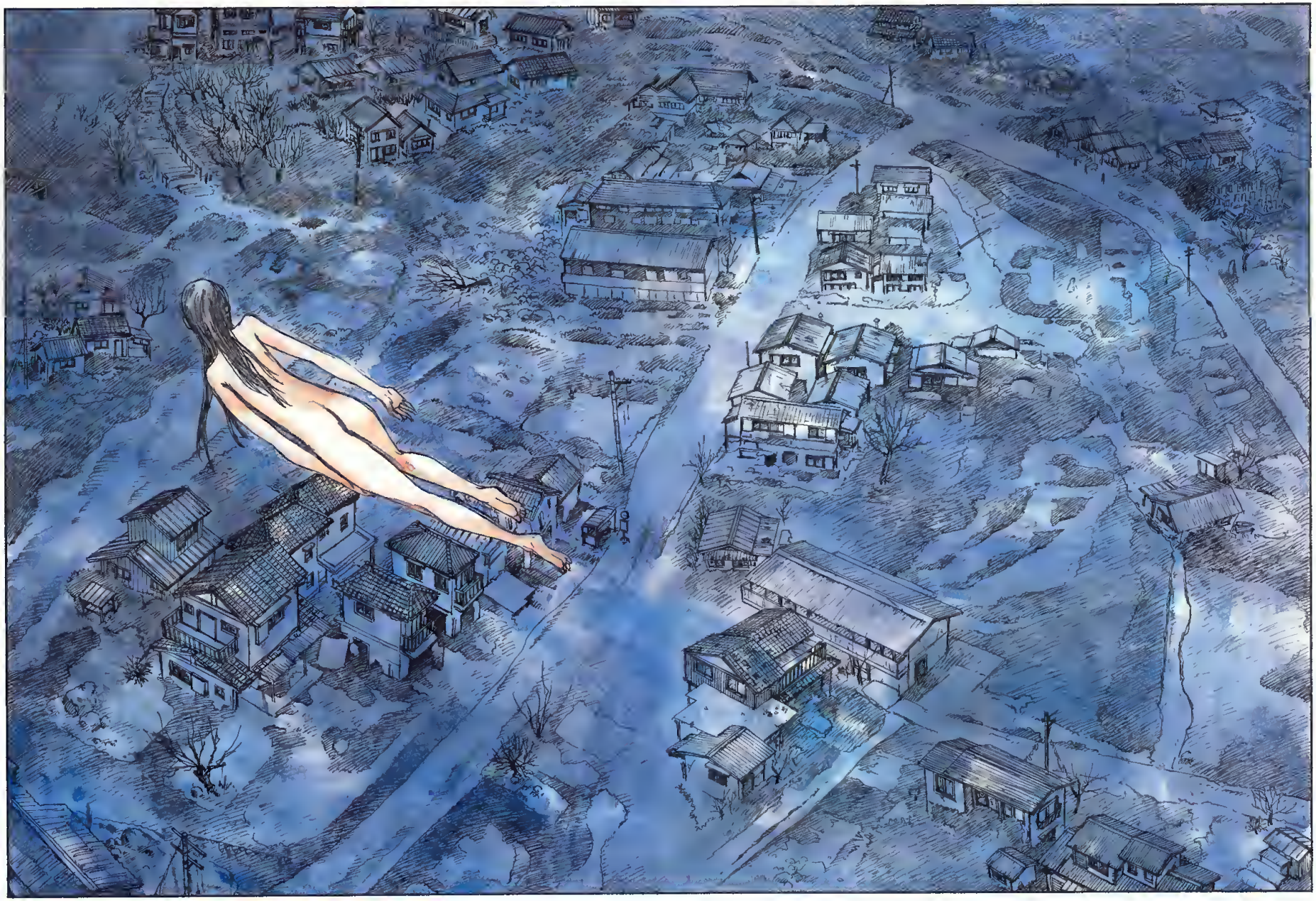
Sign: Kappa Shrine.

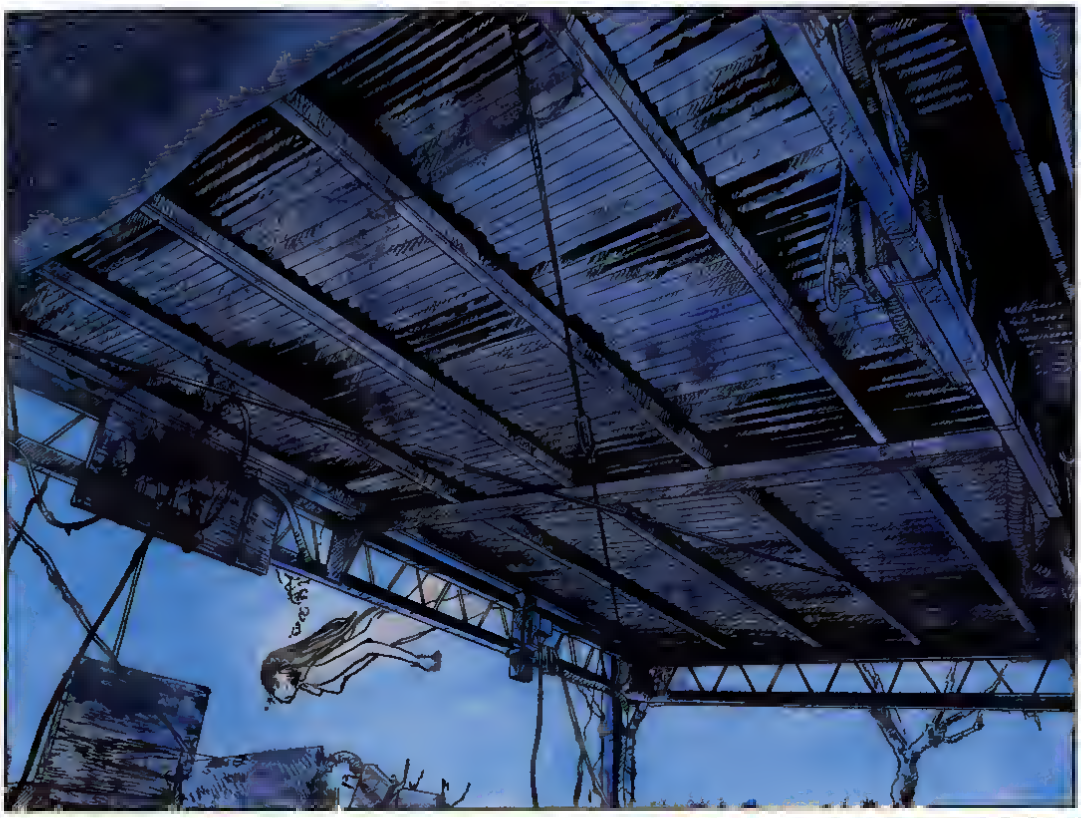


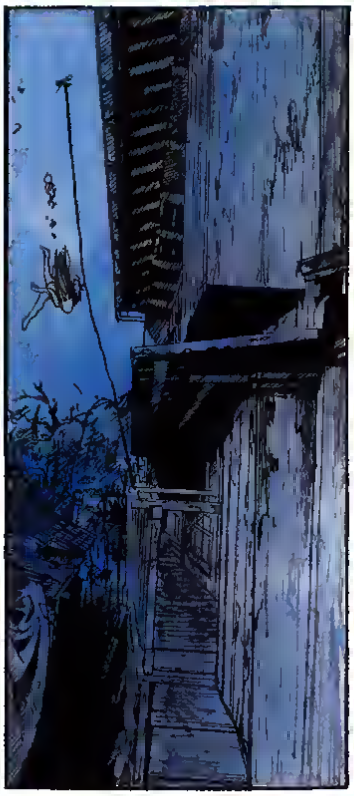


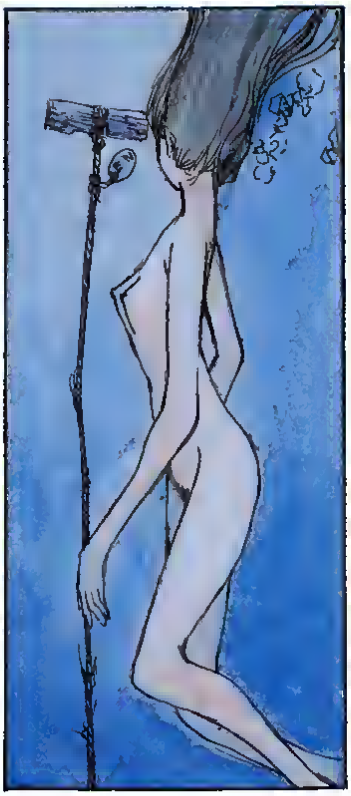


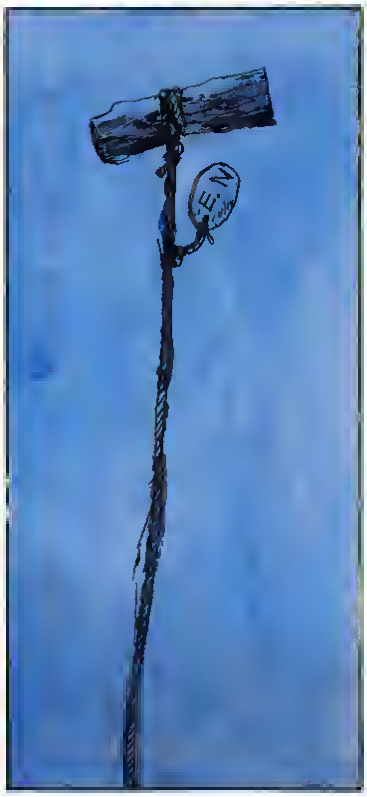


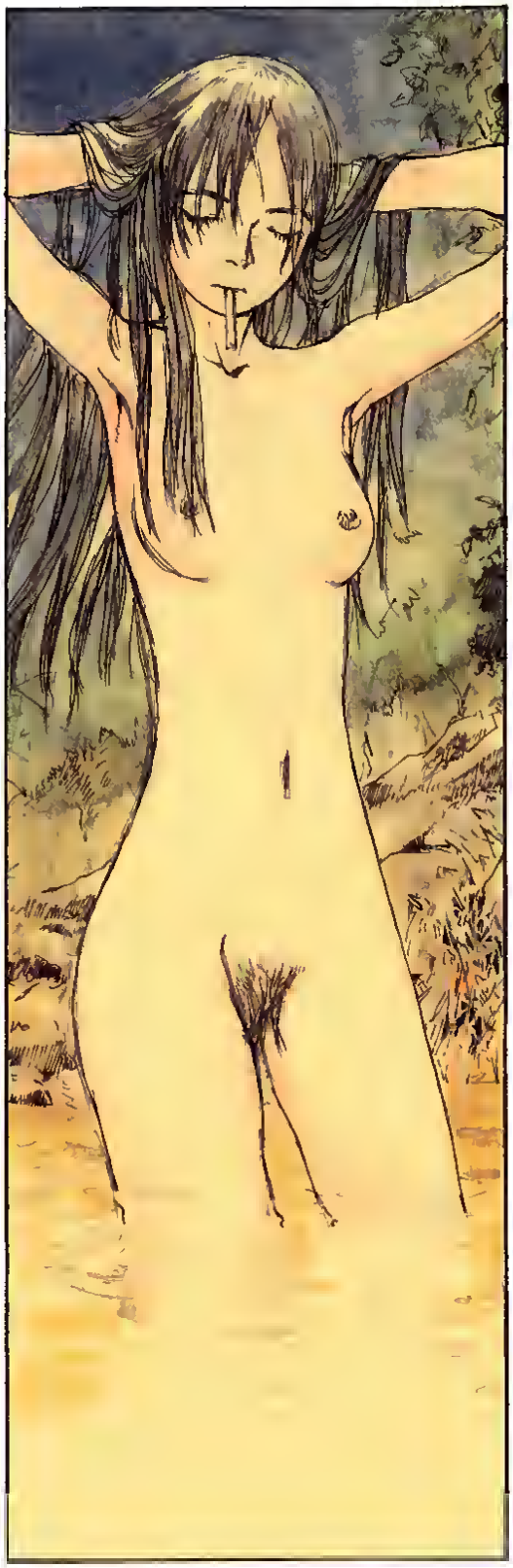












THANKS, ATSUSHI.

Wandering Emanon '67
Chapter 1

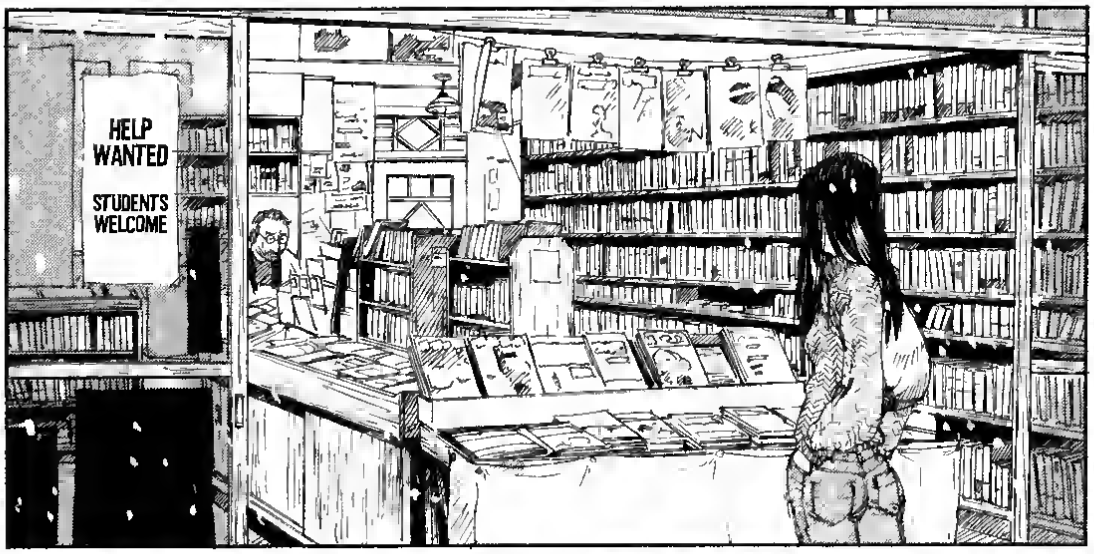
さんふらわあ
SUN FLOWER
I'm Emanon.
I don't have
a name.
A name is
nothing but
a symbol
and holds
no meaning
for me...

I was born with my mother's memories.
My mother's and grandmother's and all my ancestors' before them...
I even have memories of further back, when I wasn't human.

I don't know why, but that's how I was born.
In other words, I have lived for three billion years, changing bodies from descendant to descendant.
Even though I'm three billion years old, I still cry and laugh and fall in love...
But eventually everyone goes away.
Everyone goes away and leaves me behind...

Only the sea and the sky never change...

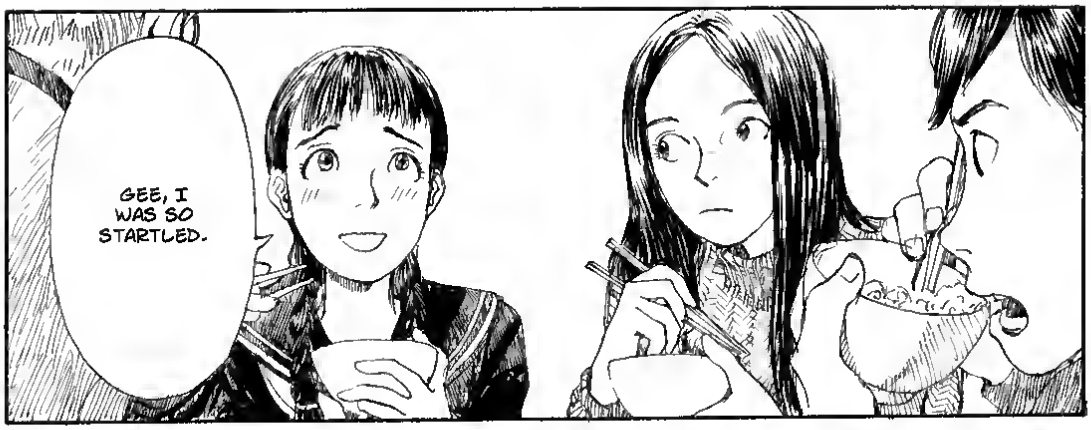
たばこ
雀寅商店
雀寅商店

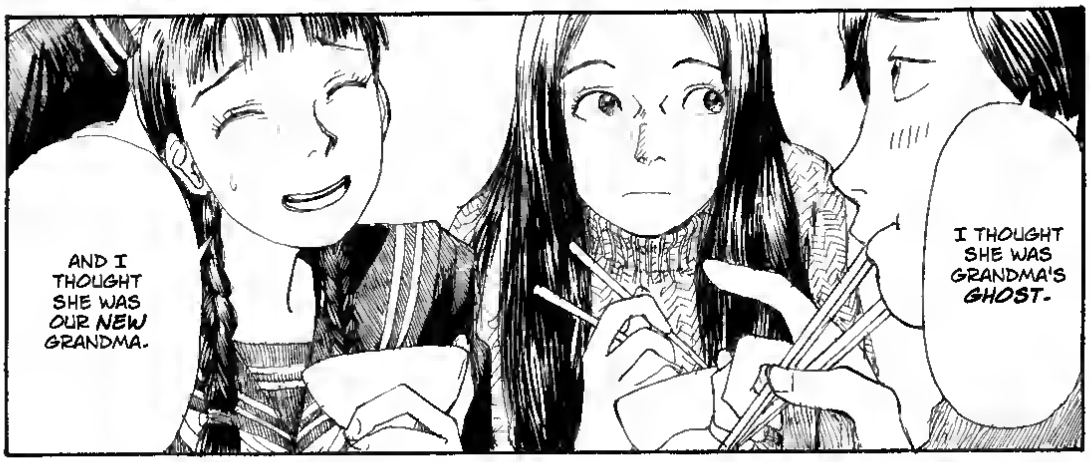

HELP
WANTED
STUDENTS
WELCOME

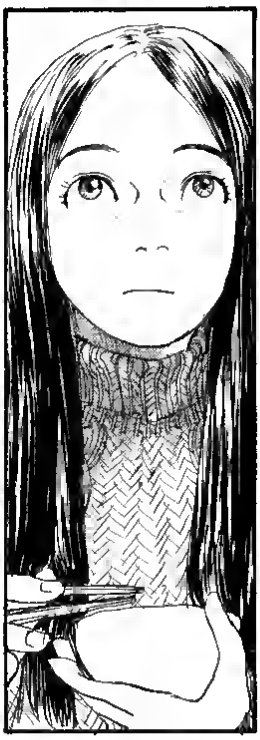
ARE YOU LOOKING FOR SOMETHING?
TRAVELER.
HELP WANTED
STUDENTS WELCOME

GRANDPA, I'M HOME.

HUH ...?
...
I'M BAAAAACK!
...WHO'S THAT?!


GEE, I WAS SO STARTLED.


AND I THOUGHT SHE WAS OUR NEW GRANDMA.
I THOUGHT SHE WAS GRANDMA'S GHOST.



...YOU TWO ARE!
WHAT A COUPLE OF BRATS...
JUST BE QUIET AND EAT!
YOU'RE TURNING RED, GRANDPA.

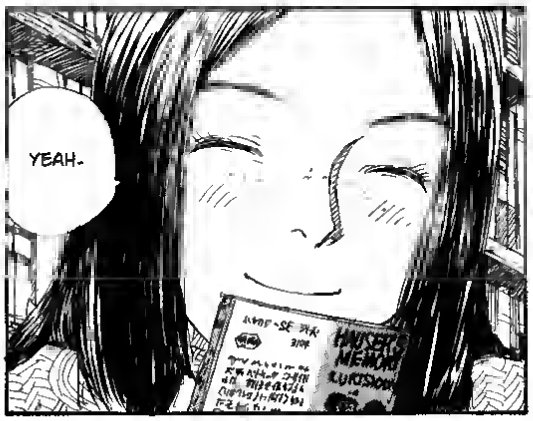
YOU CAN STAY AS LONG AS YOU LIKE.
THEN YOU'LL BE LIKE FAMILY.
I'M GONNA BE WORKING HERE FOR A WHILE.
I READ THAT IN A BRADBURY STORY.
"IT'S BETTER TO HAVE A FAMILY FOR A SHORT TIME THAN TO NEVER HAVE ONE AT ALL."
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THAT.
...
IT PROBABLY DEPENDS ON THE PERSON?

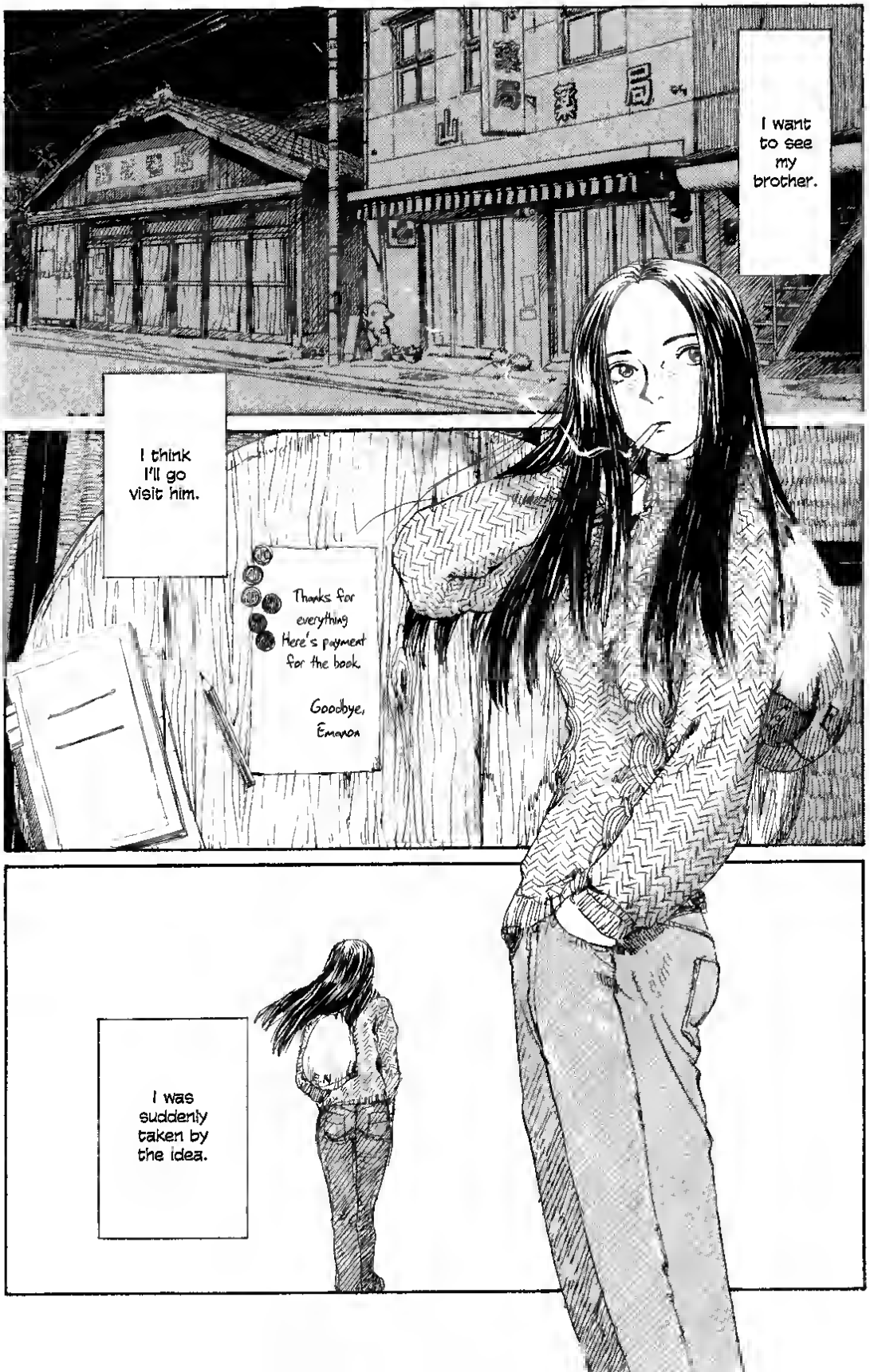
I don't have any family.
Since ancient times...
...each woman has given birth to a single daughter.

But there was an exception.
I just remembered.
One time a boy was twin-born with me.
For tens of thousands of generations I was born a single child...
...but right now I have an older brother.

Sign: Noro Bookshop.

Title: Hauser's Memory.




I want to see my brother.
I think I'll go visit him.
Thanks for everything Here's payment for the book.
Goodbye, Emma
I was suddenly taken by the idea.

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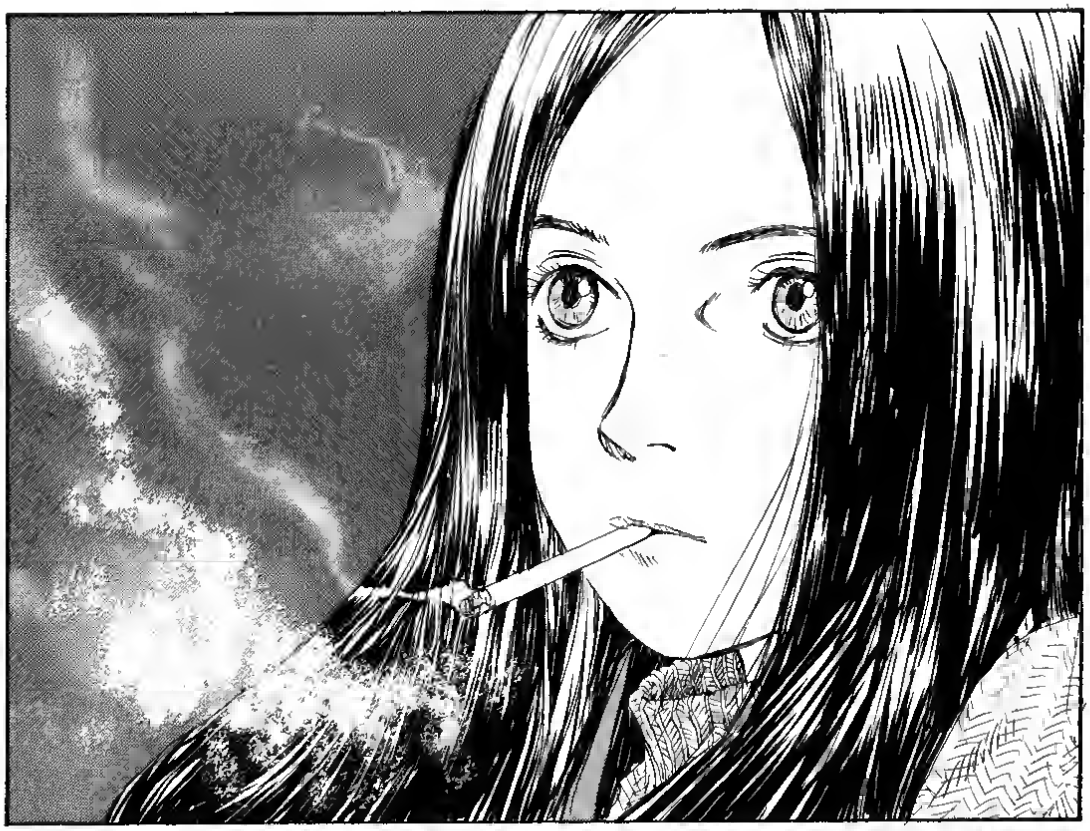
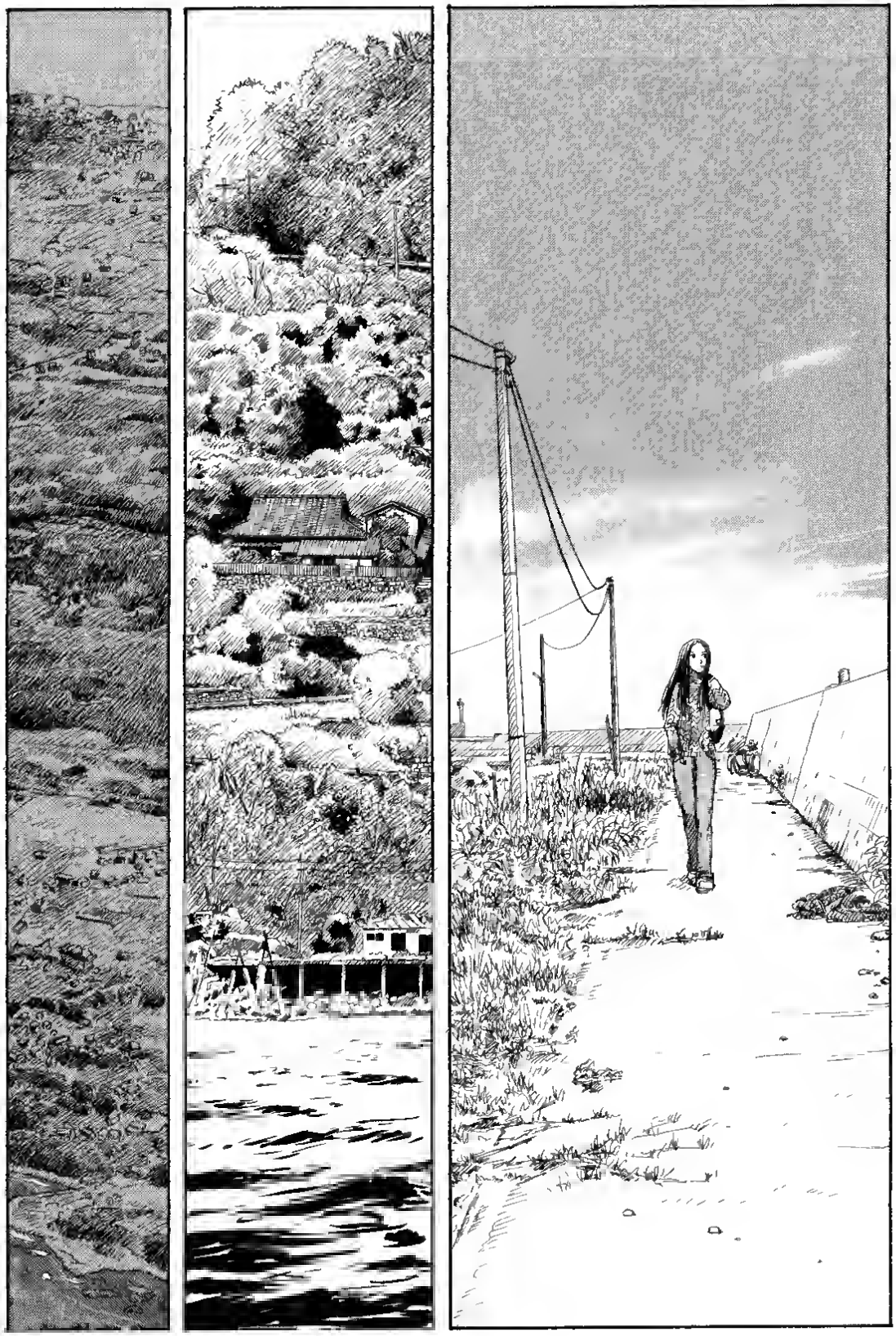
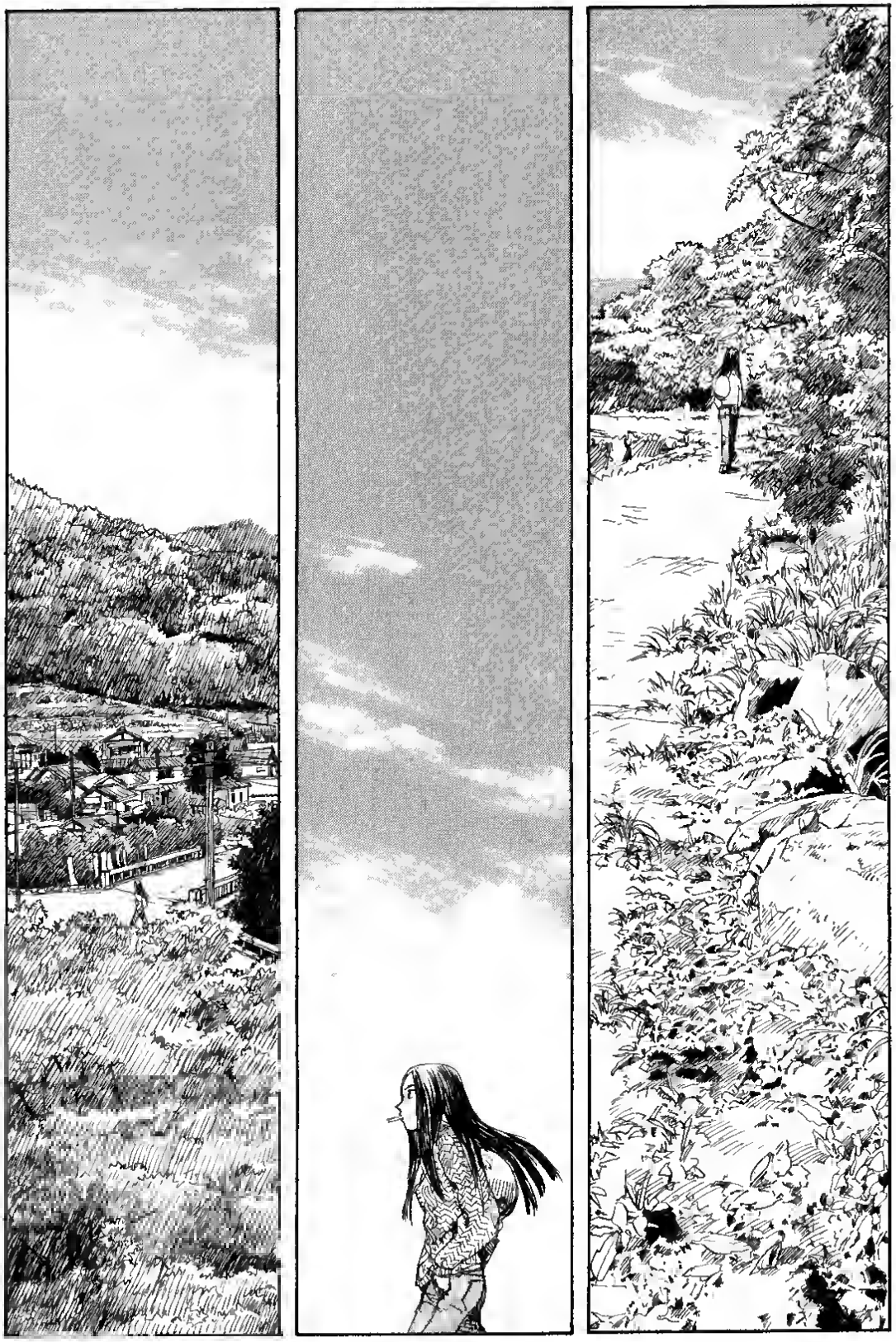
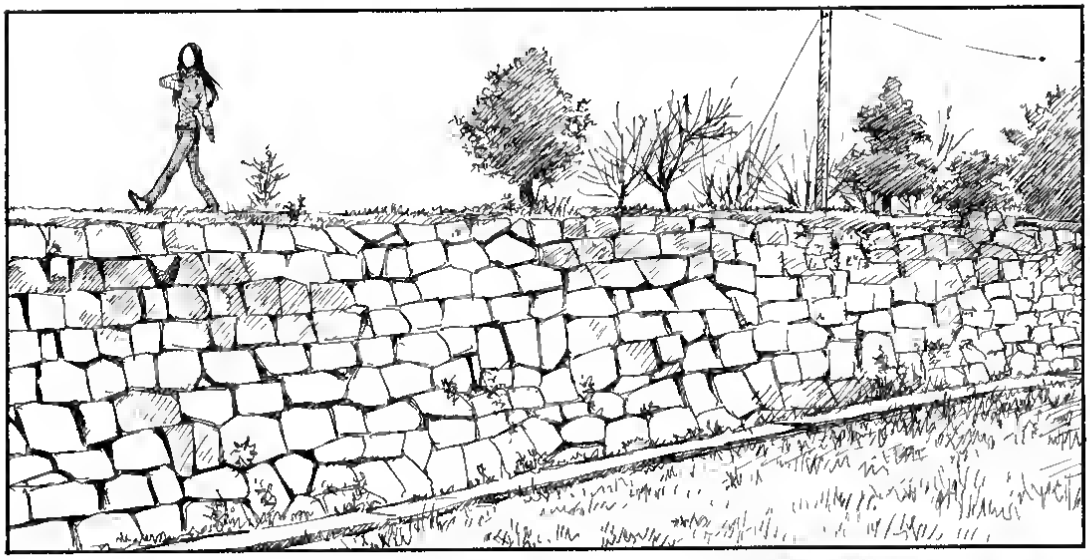
Chapter 2

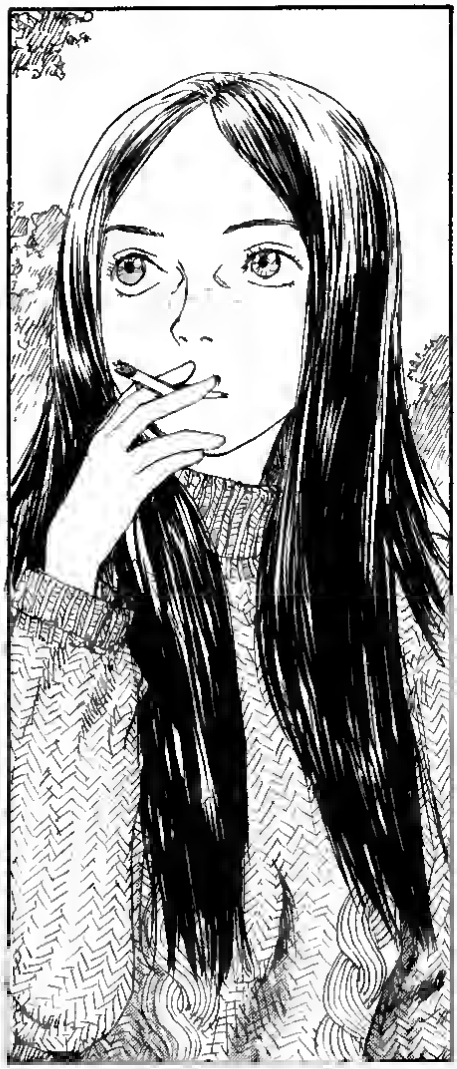
Sign: Siberia.

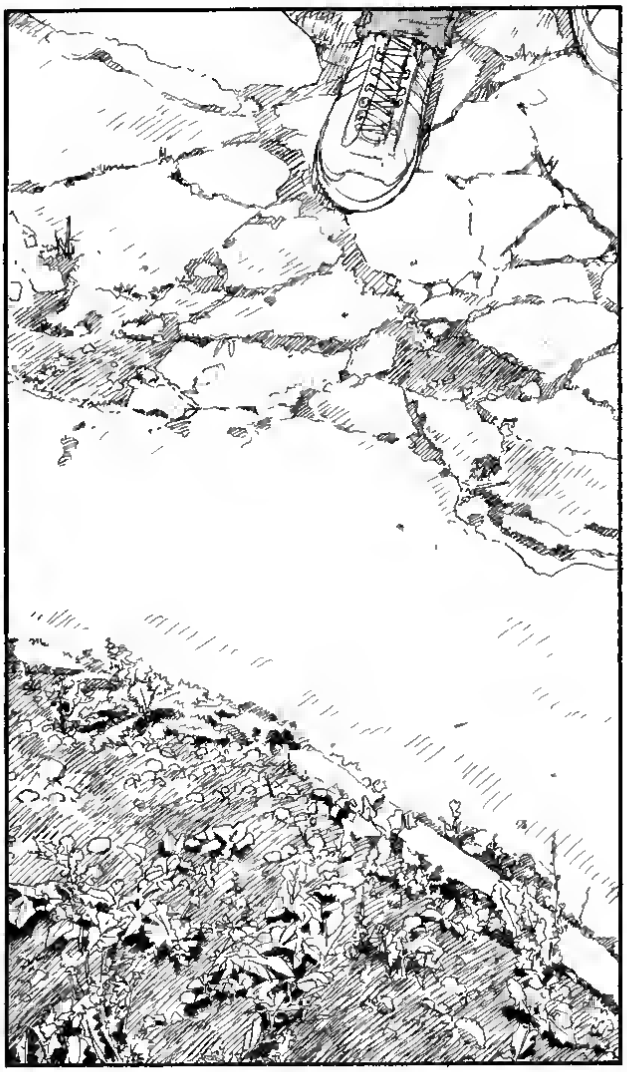


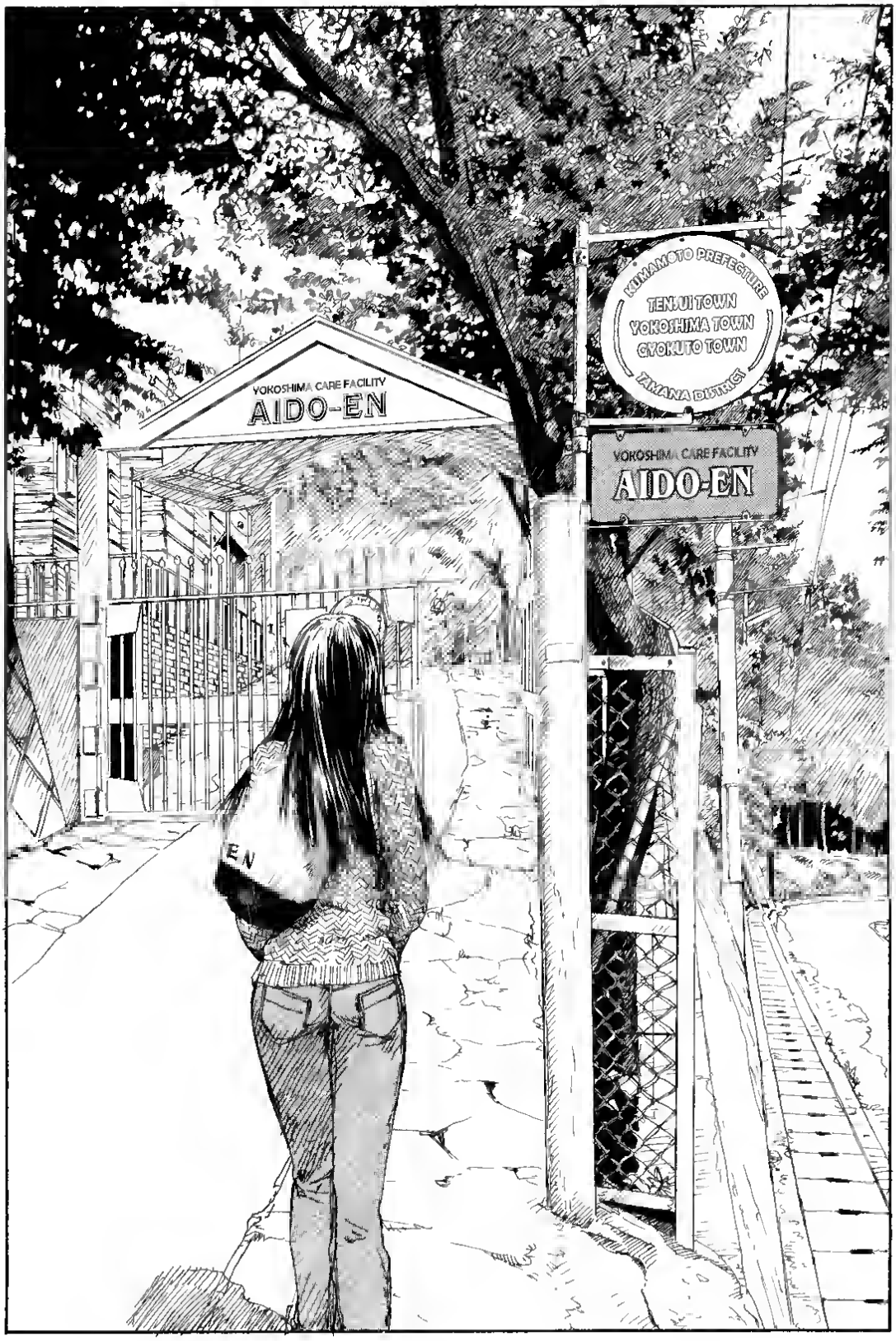








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TENJUI TOWN
YOKOSHIMA TOWN
GYOKUTO TOWN
TAMANA DISTRICT
YOKOSHIMA CARE FACILITY
AIDO-EN
YOKOSHIMA CARE FACILITY
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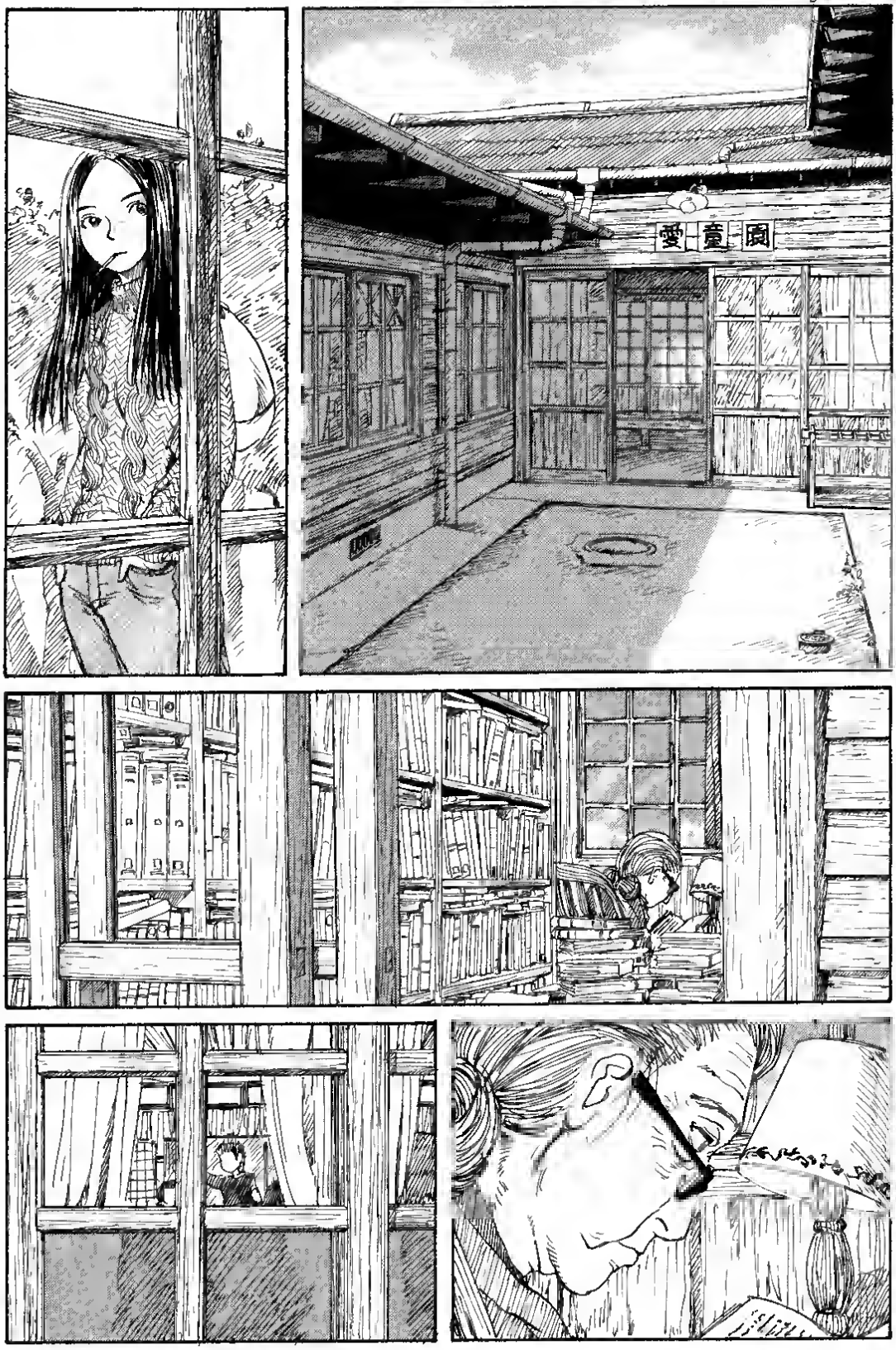
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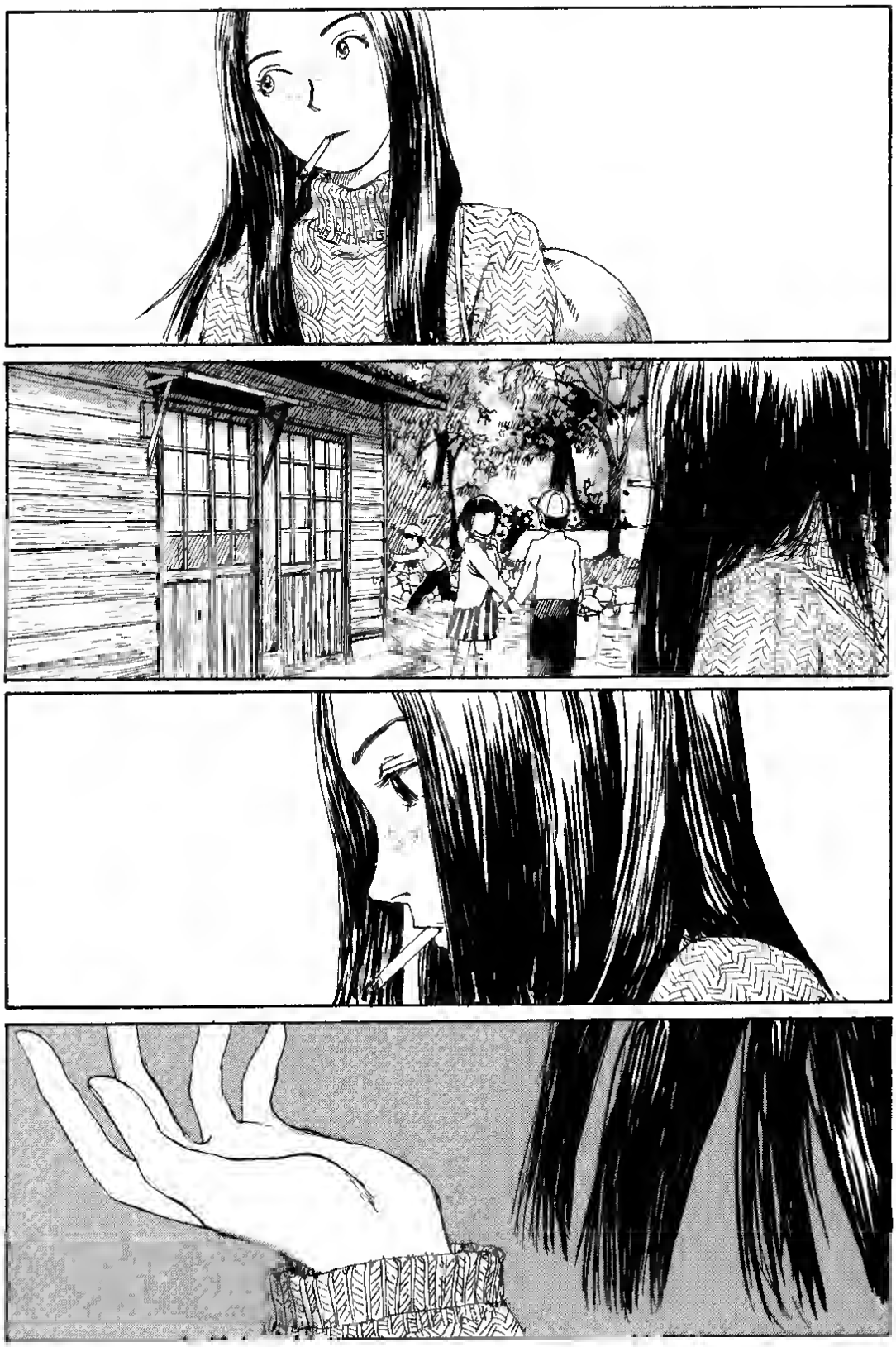
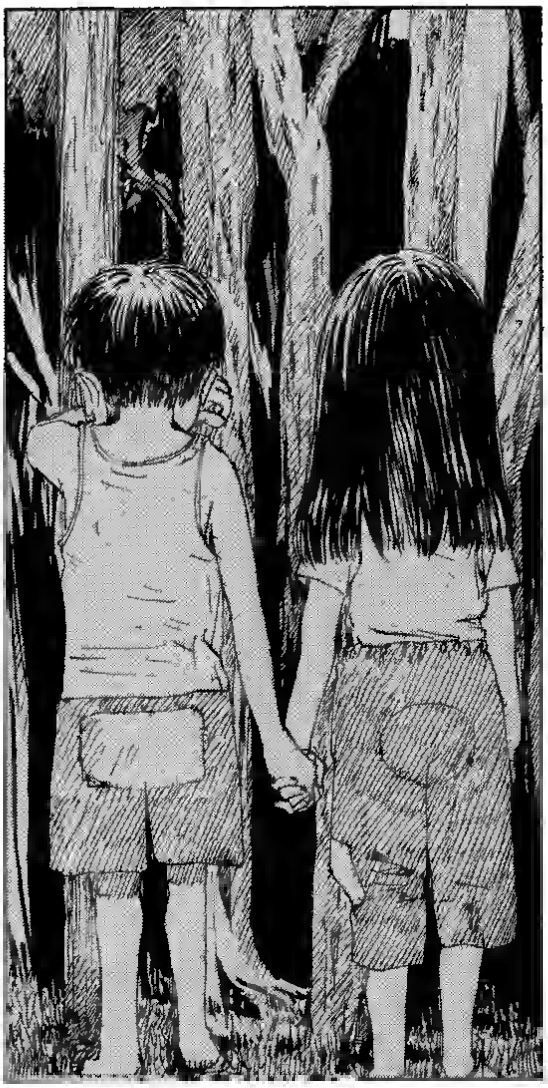
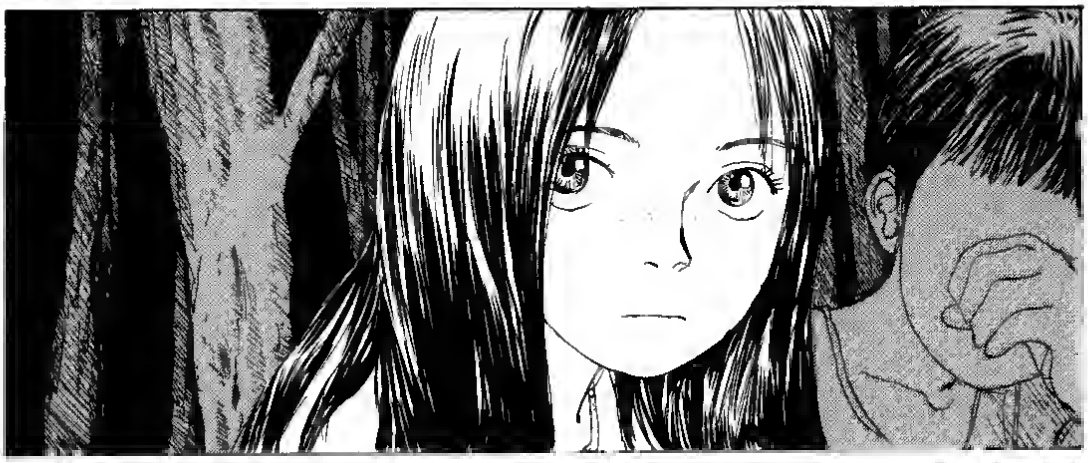
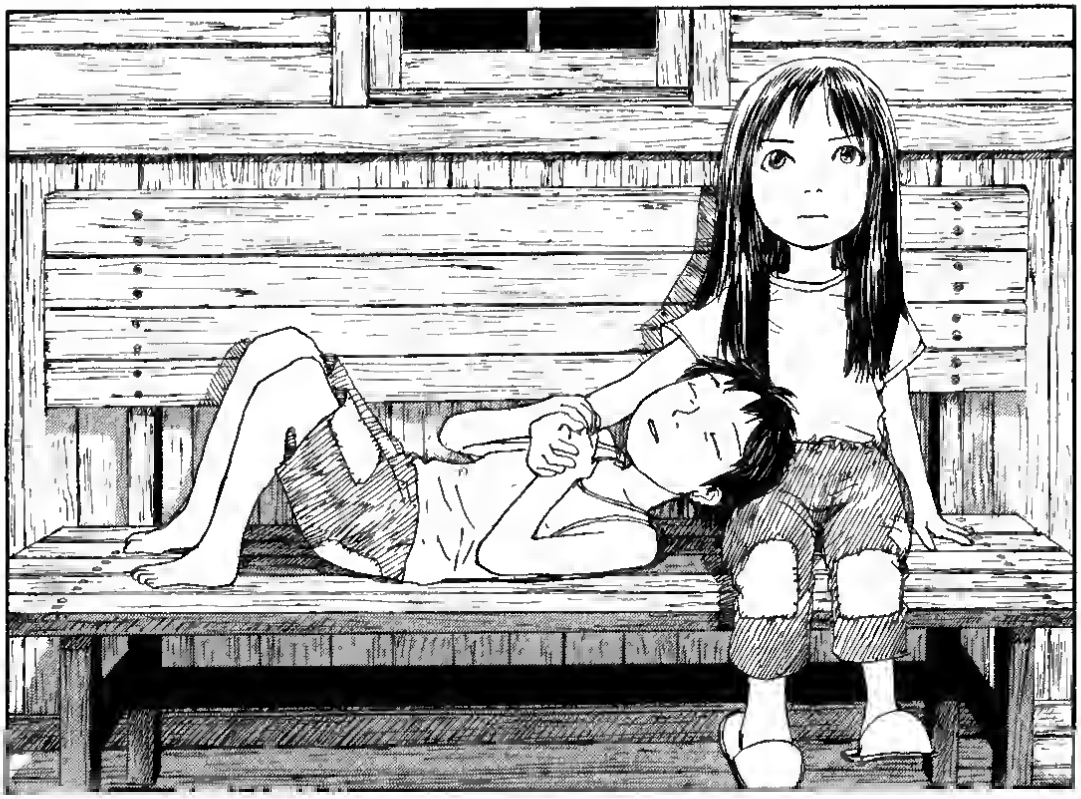
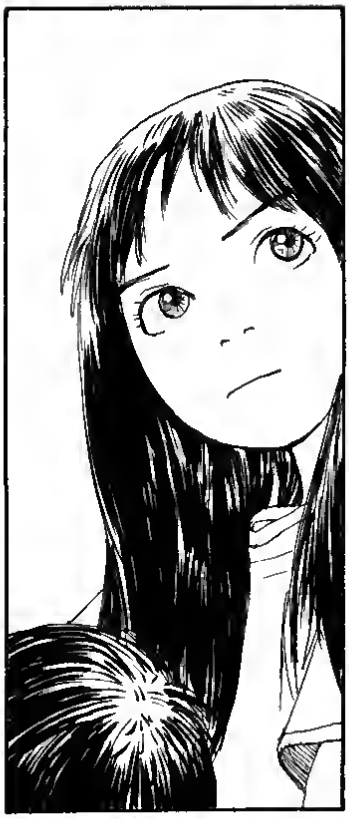


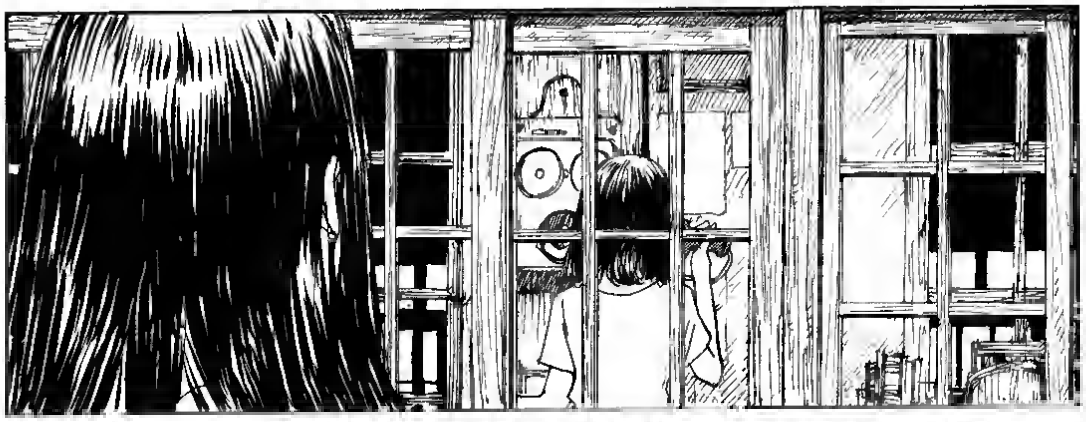




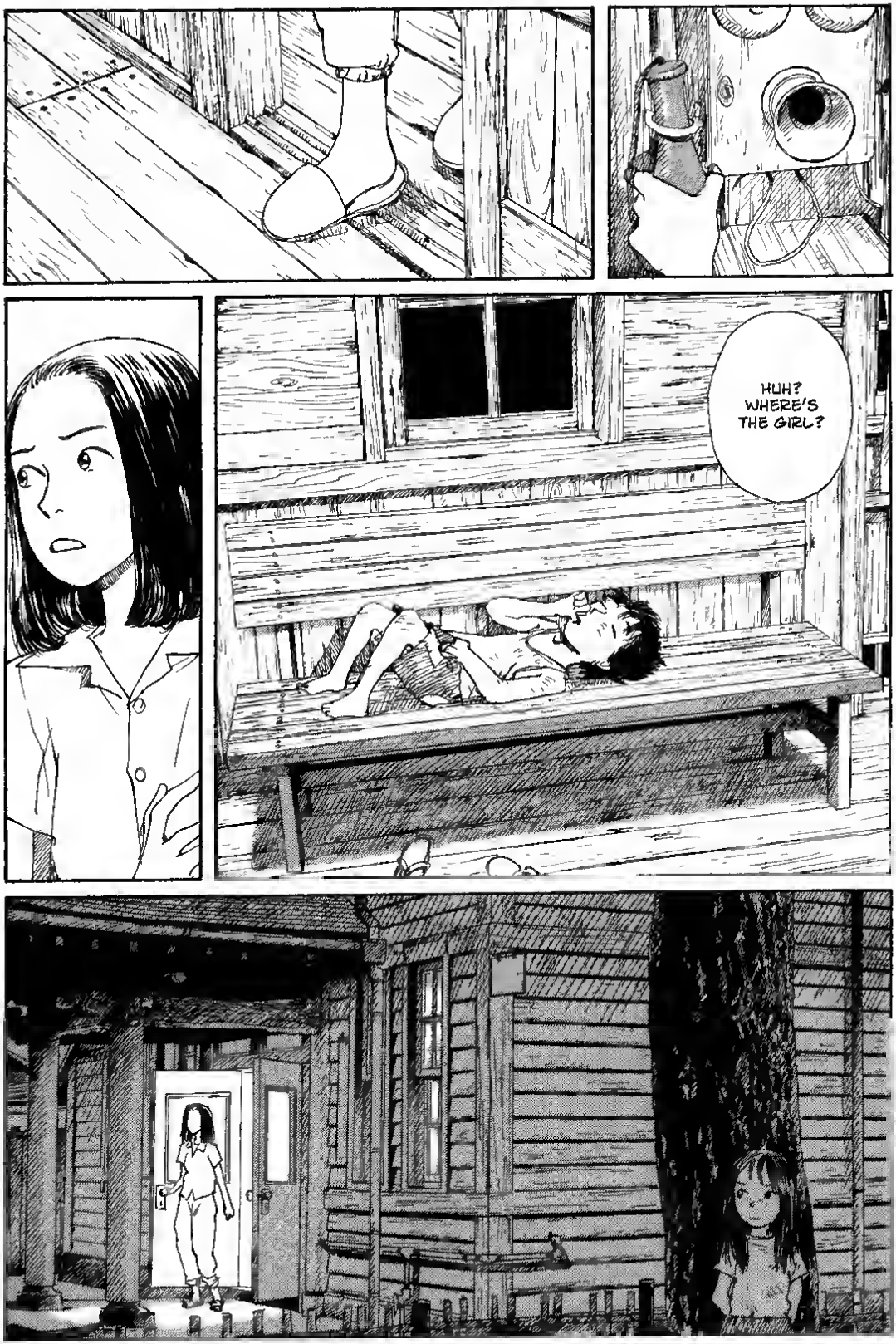
Sign: Kumamoto Prefecture Police / Yayoi Substation
I DON'T KNOW THEIR NAMES.
I'VE GOT A LITTLE BOY AND GIRL HERE, ABOUT TWO OR THREE YEARS OLD.
THIS IS OFFICER YAMAZAKI ...
...OF THE YAYOI SUB-STATION.
SORRY TO CALL YOU AT THIS LATE HOUR.
FROM THE LOOKS OF THEIR CLOTHES, THEY CAN'T HAVE COME TOO FAR...
ALL RIGHT, WELL, I'LL GO WITH THAT FOR TONIGHT, THEN.
YES, I'LL DO WHAT I CAN HERE, BUT AT THIS TIME OF NIGHT...

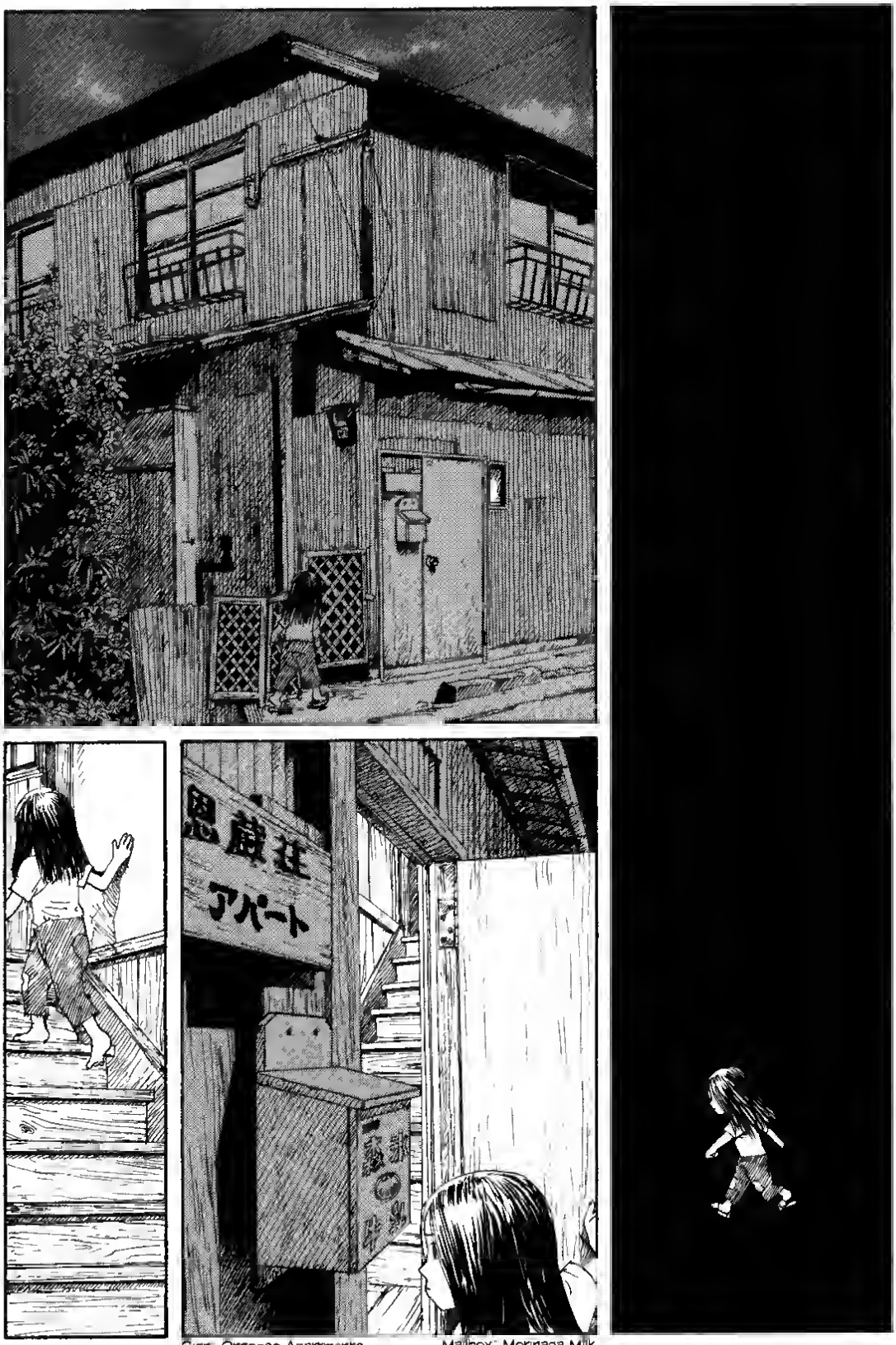






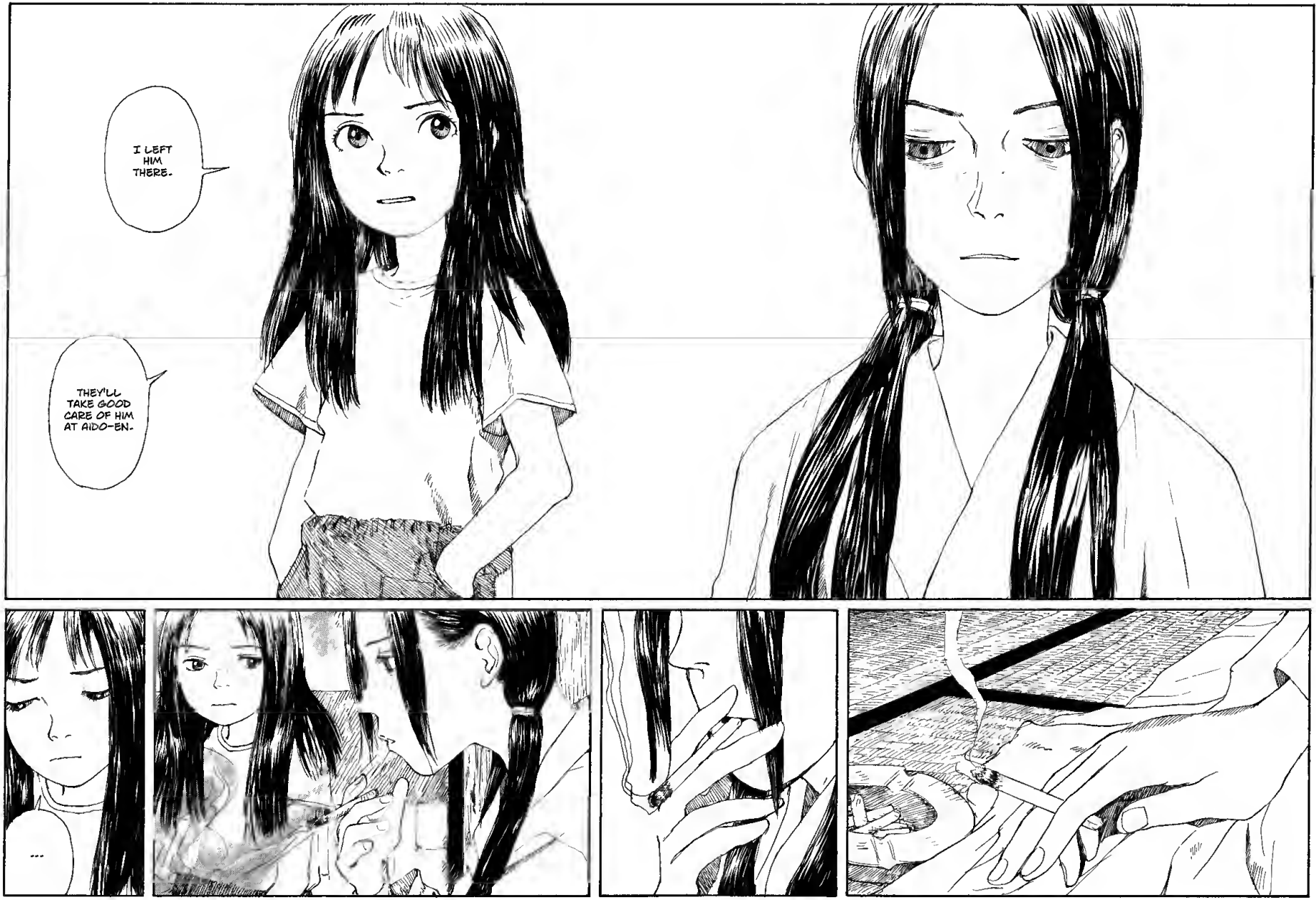
YES, THEY'RE GOING TO TAKE THEM IN OVER AT AIDO-EN TONIGHT.
THANK YOU.


HUH? WHERE'S THE GIRL?



Sign: Onzo-so Apartments.

Mailbox: Morinaga Milk


I LEFT HIM THERE.
THEY'LL TAKE GOOD CARE OF HIM AT AIDO-EN.
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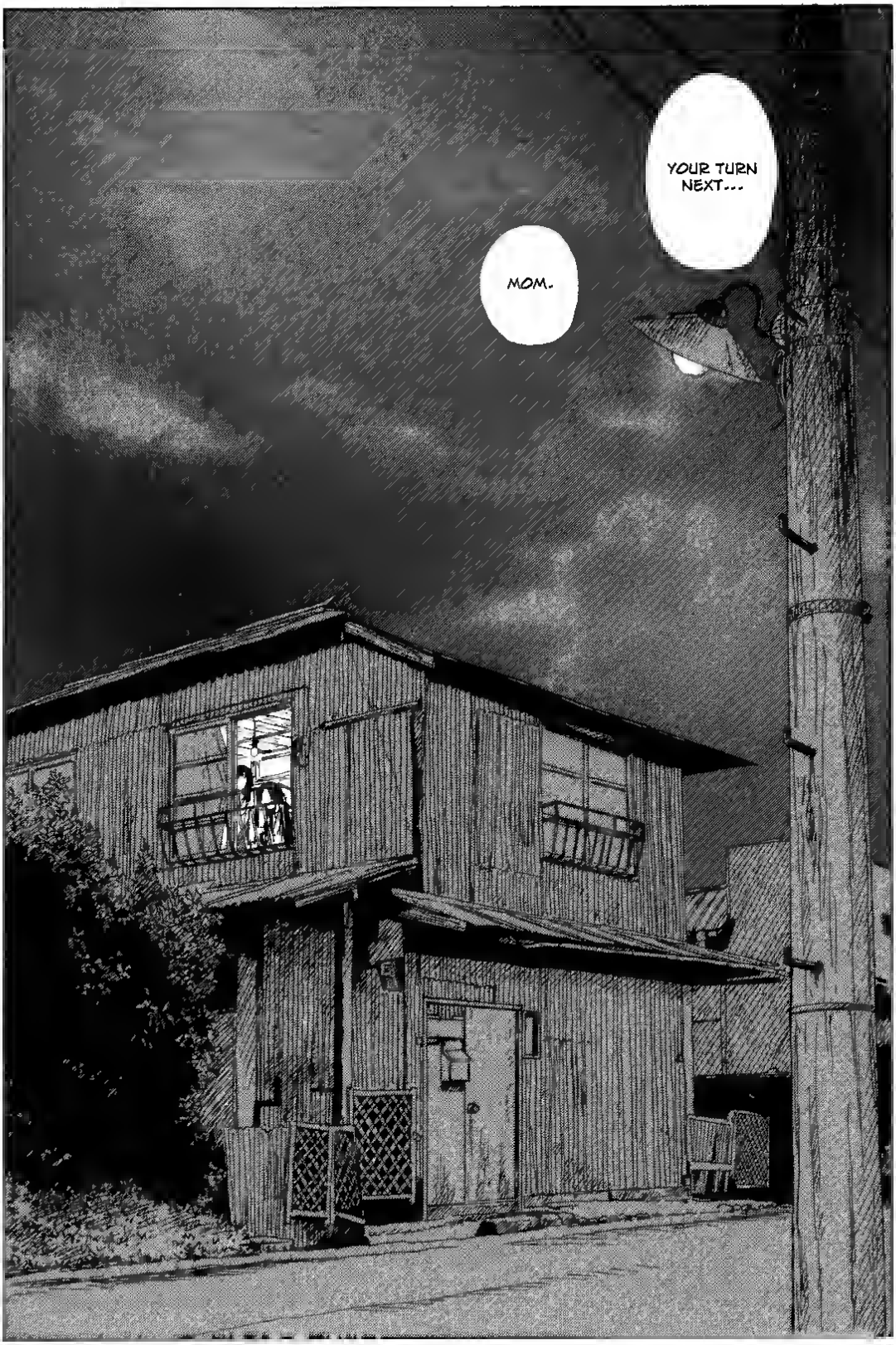
YOUR TURN NEXT...
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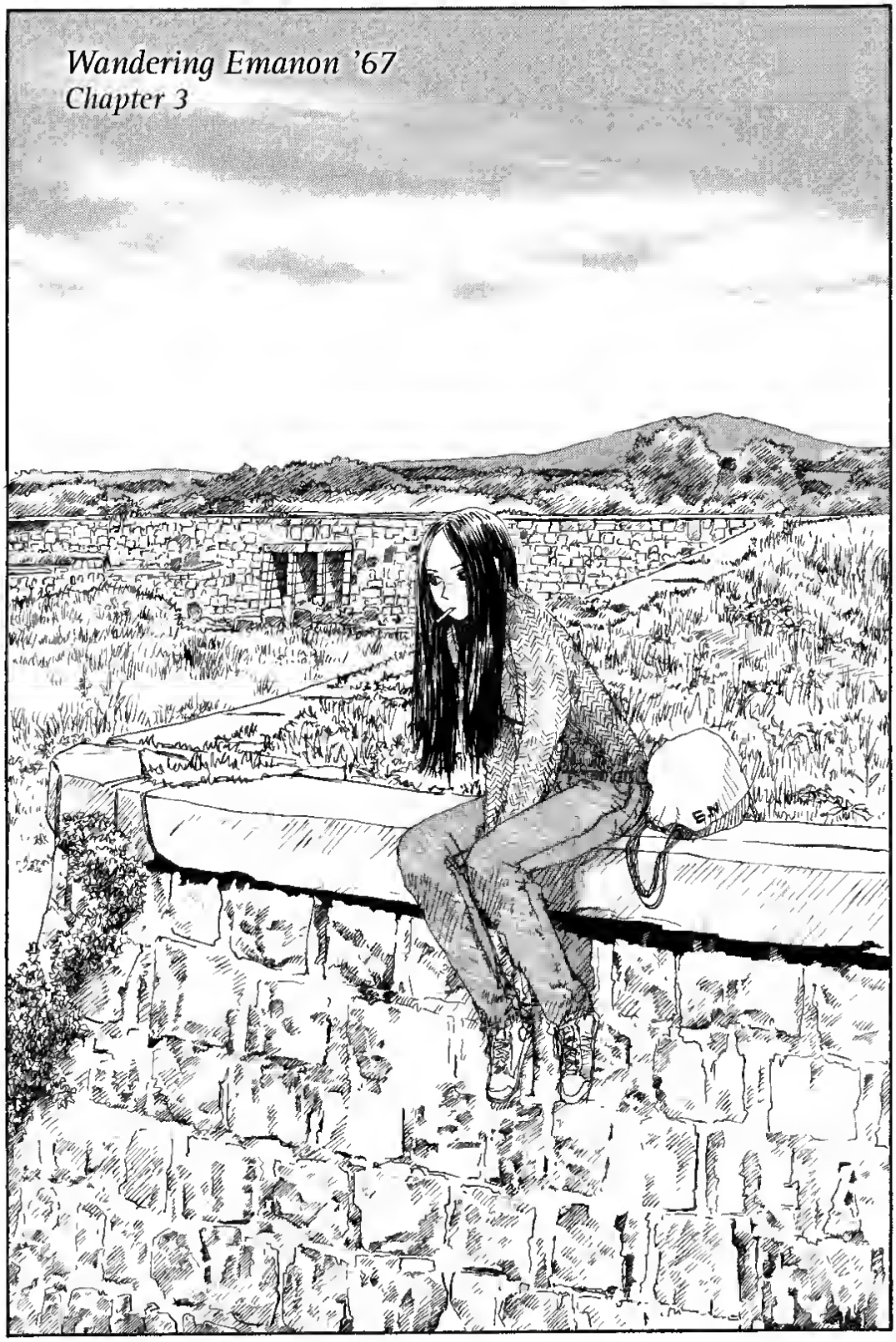

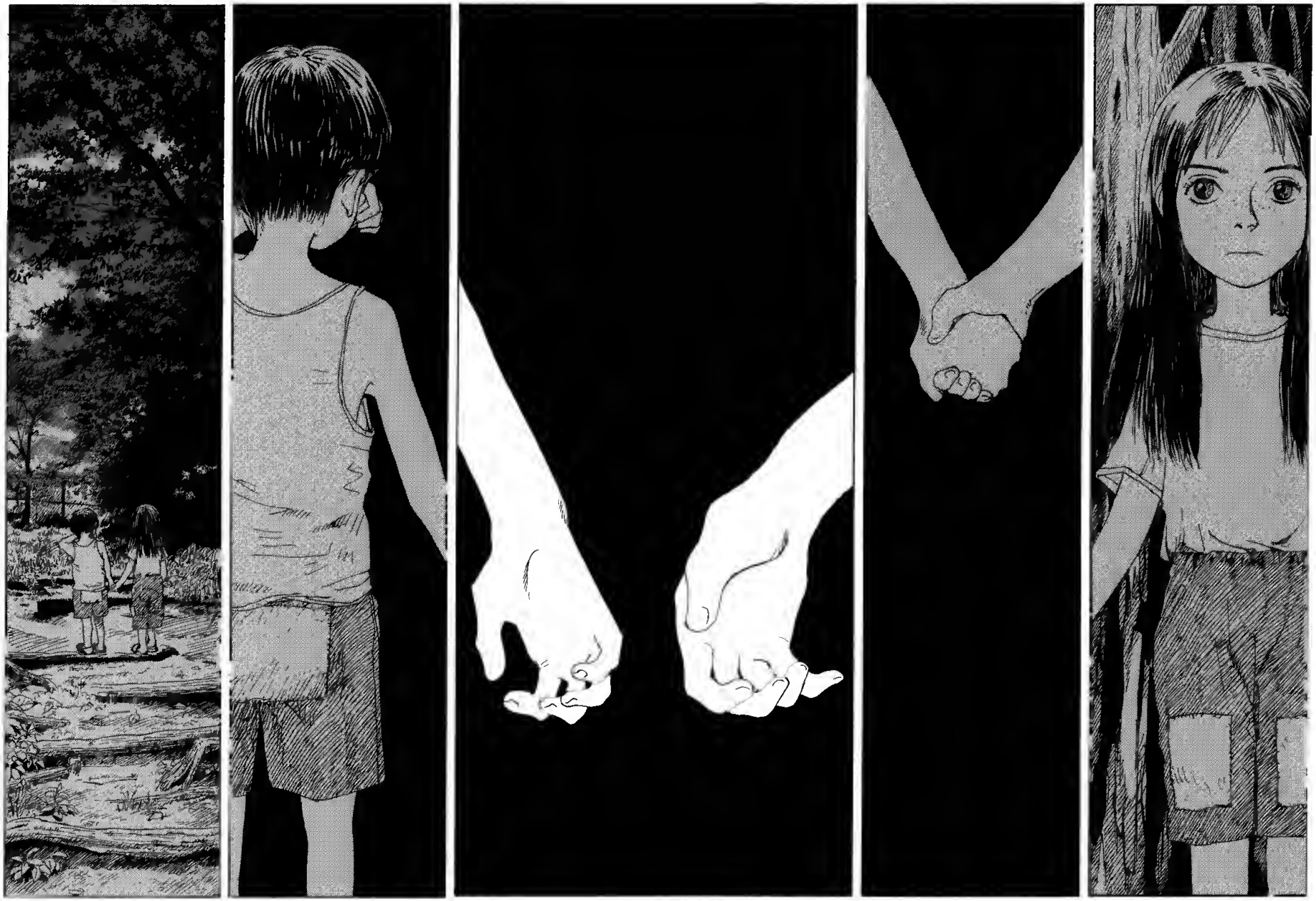

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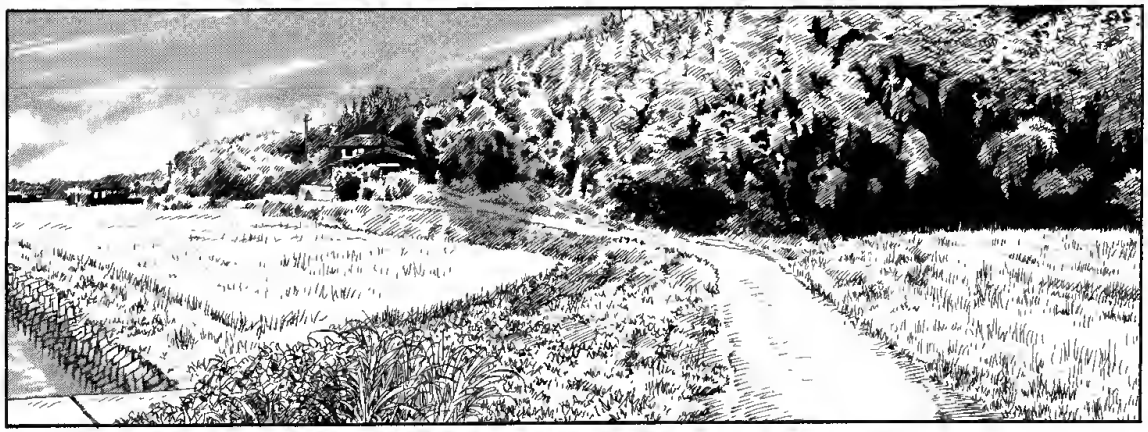

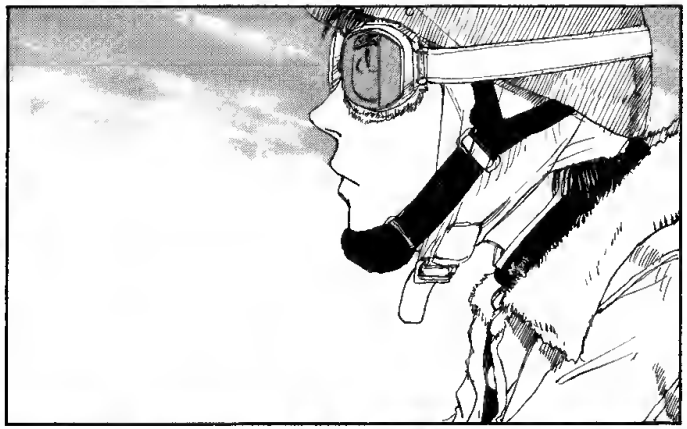

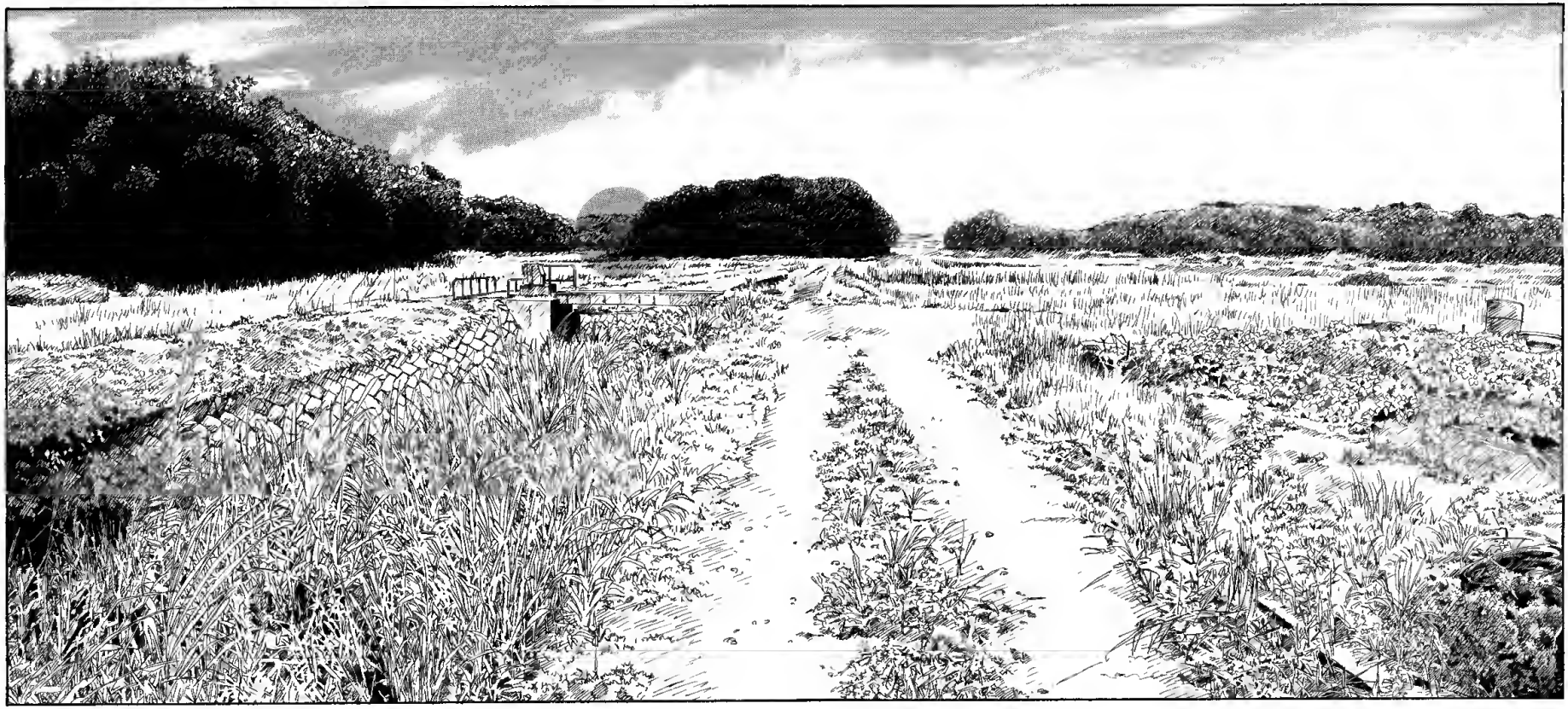

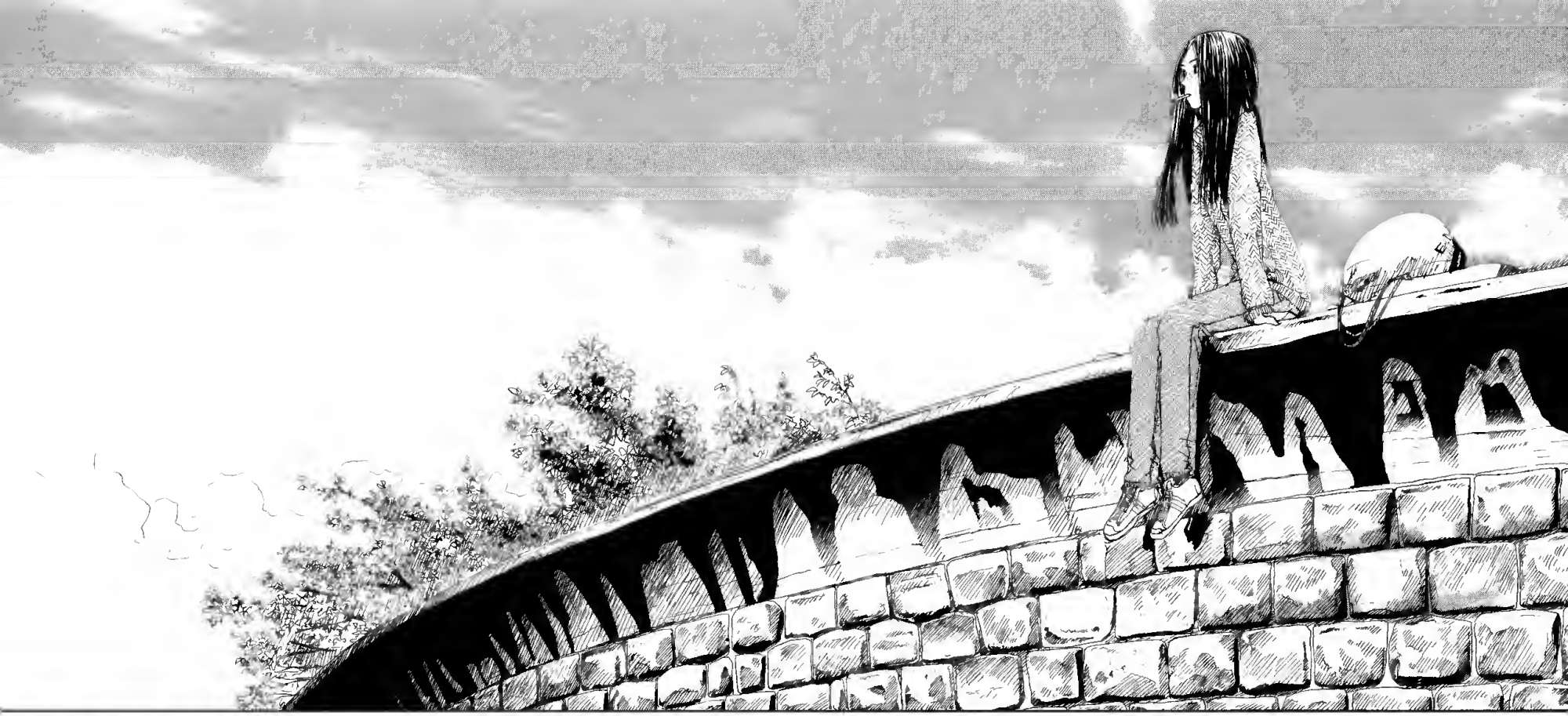

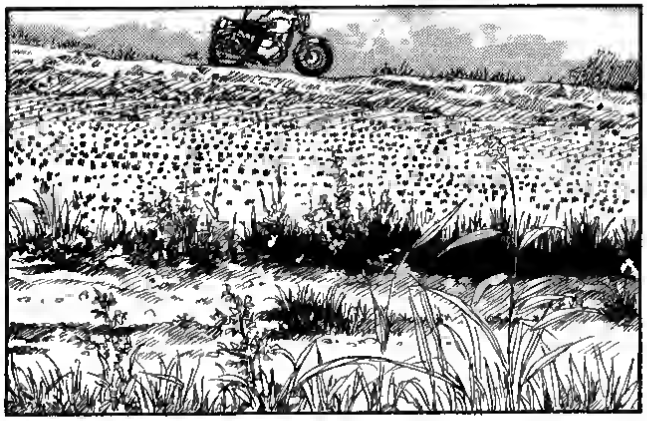

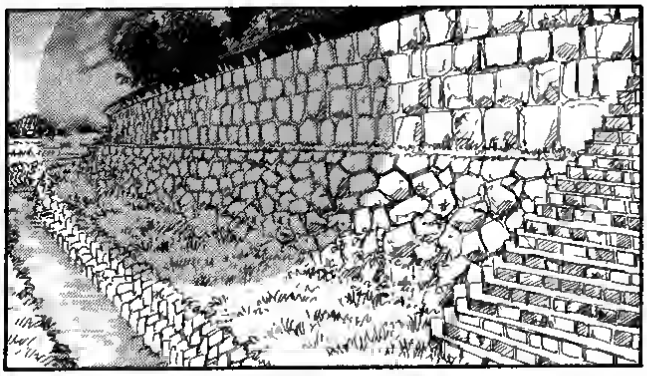

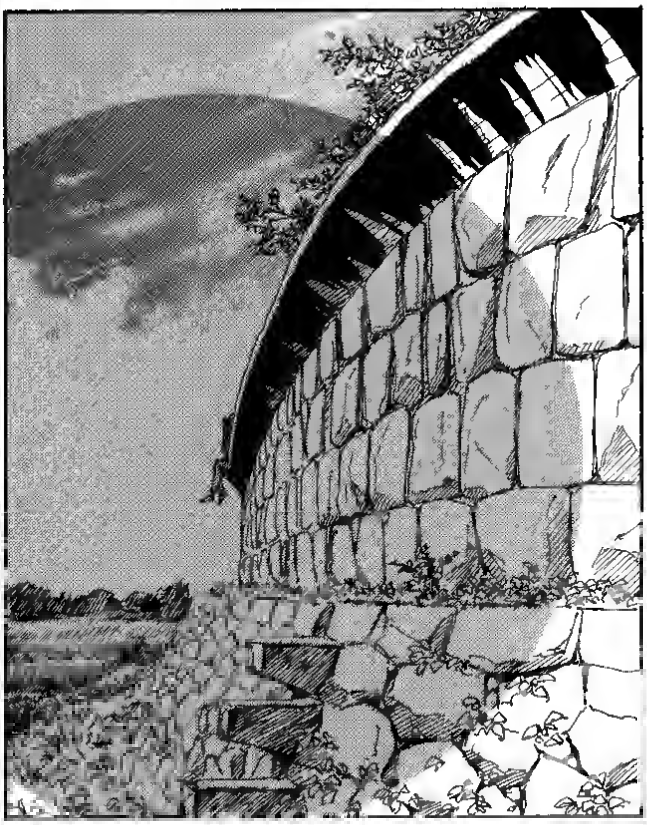

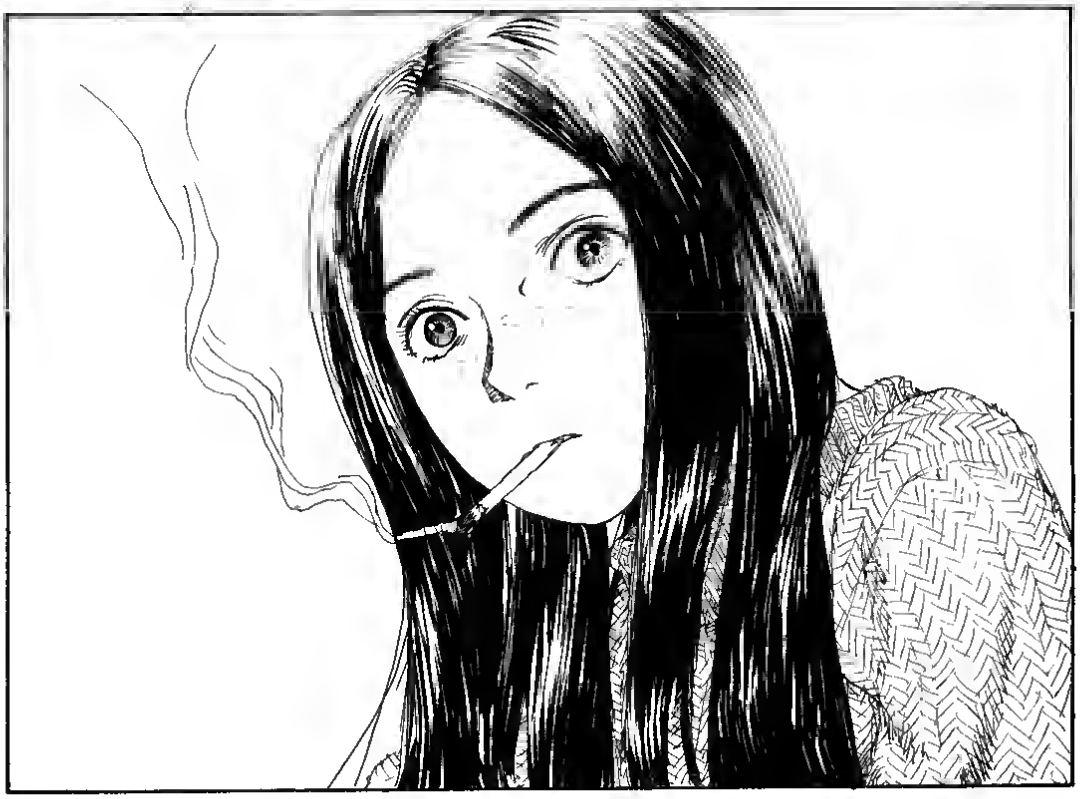

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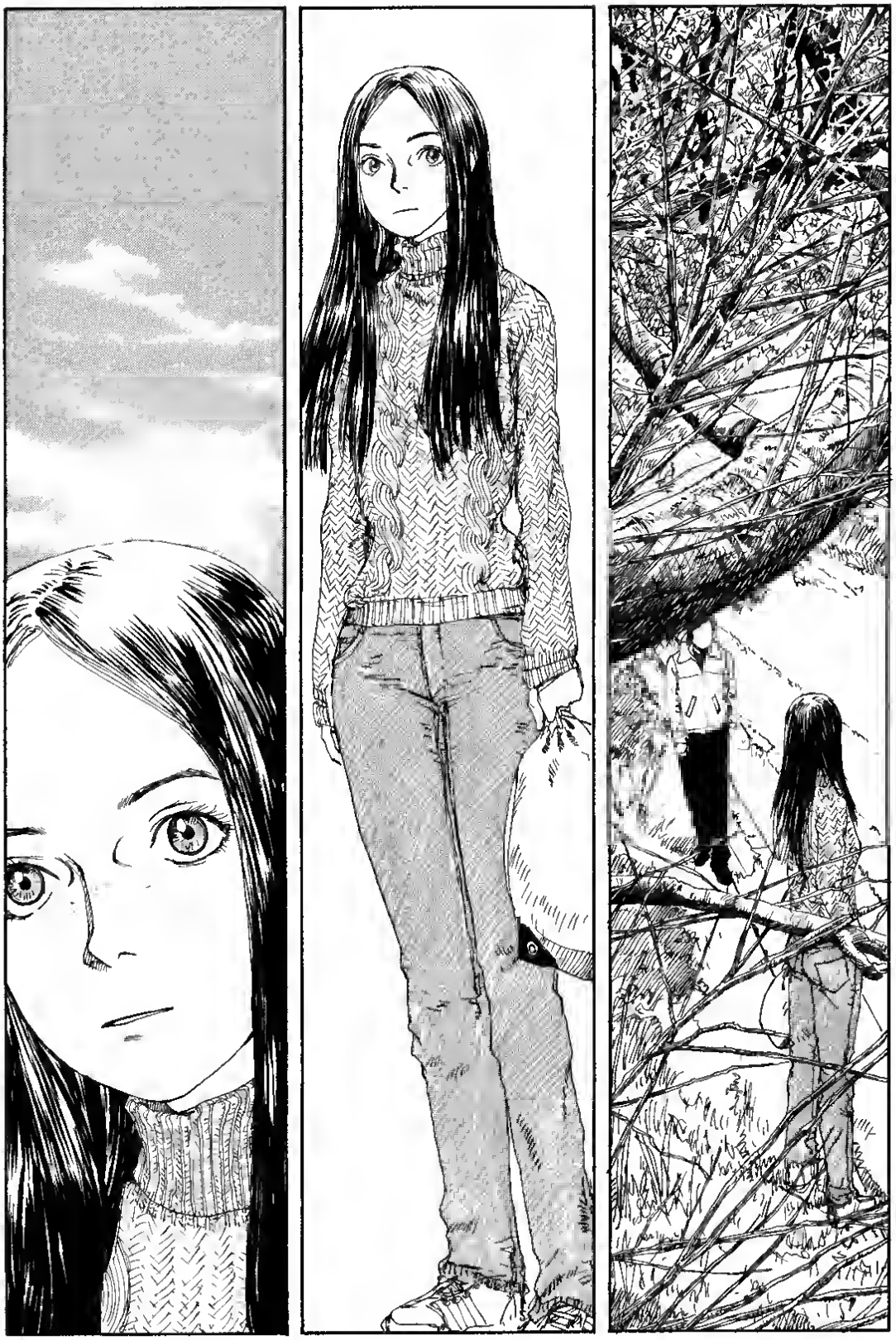
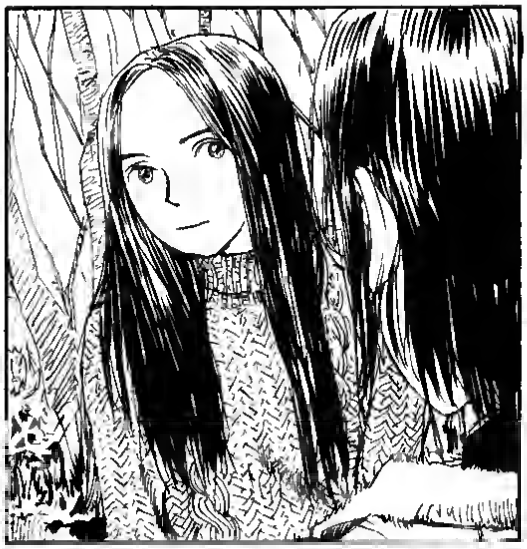


YOU...
YOU'RE MY BROTHER, AREN'T YOU...?

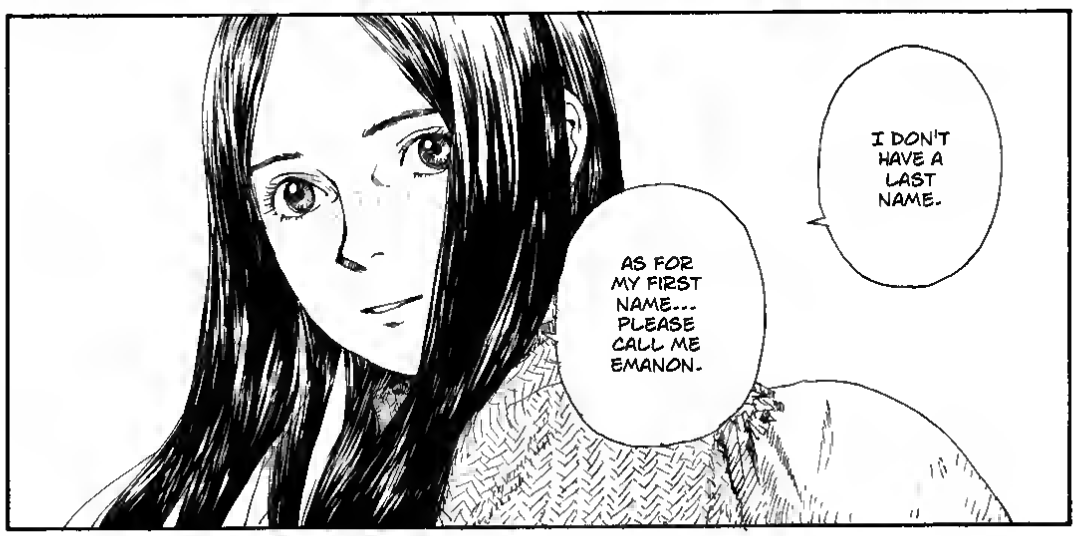
AND YOU'RE ---
THAT'S RIGHT, I'M YOUR TWIN SISTER.
I RECOGNIZED YOU RIGHT AWAY.
HOW? HOW COULD YOU KNOW?
DID YOU SEE THE LIGHT, TOO?



I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THAT.
BUT I KNEW AS SOON AS I SAW YOU.
YOU STILL LOOK THE SAME.

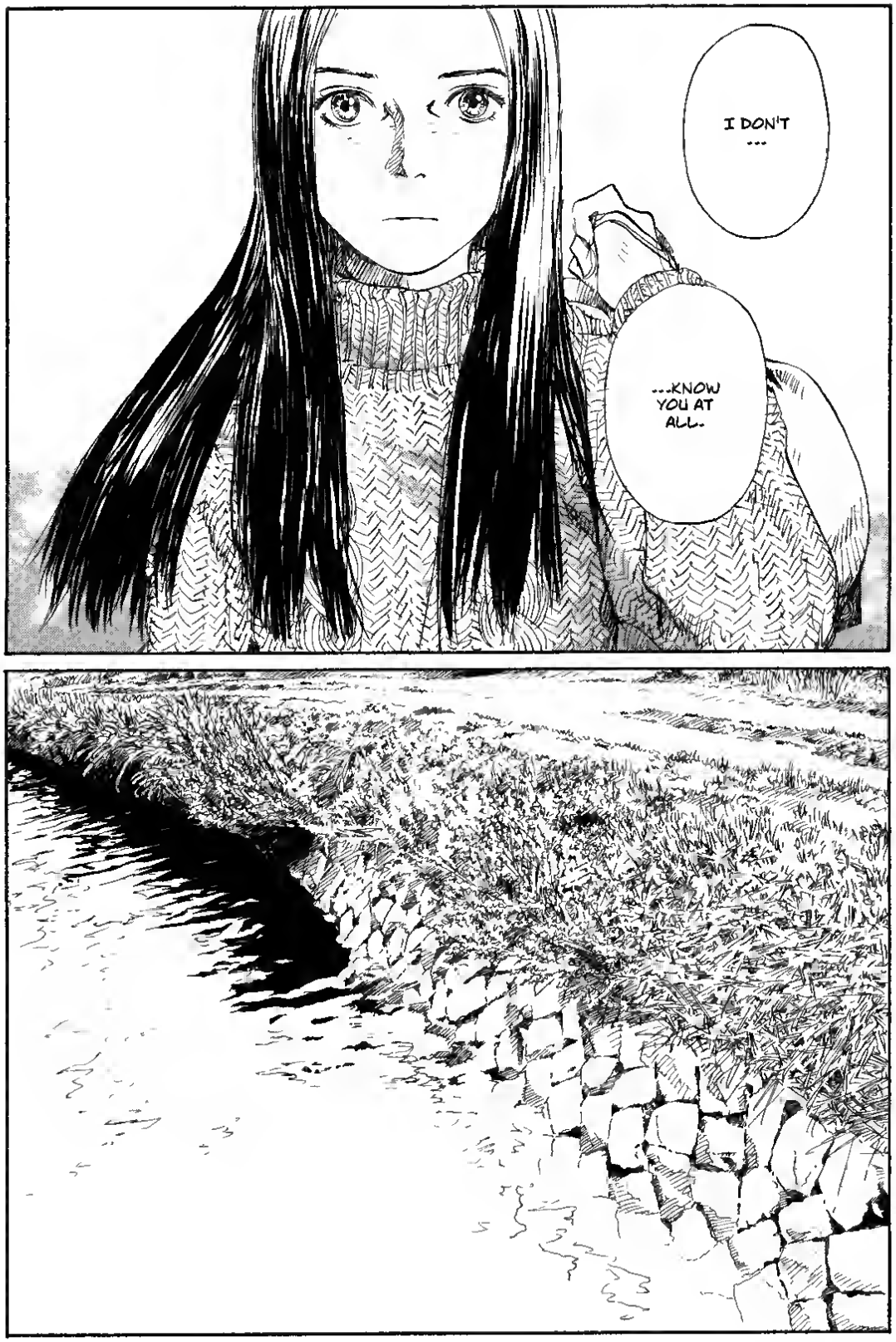
I'VE ALWAYS SEEN THIS POINT OF LIGHT.
AND NOW I KNOW IT WAS *YOU*.

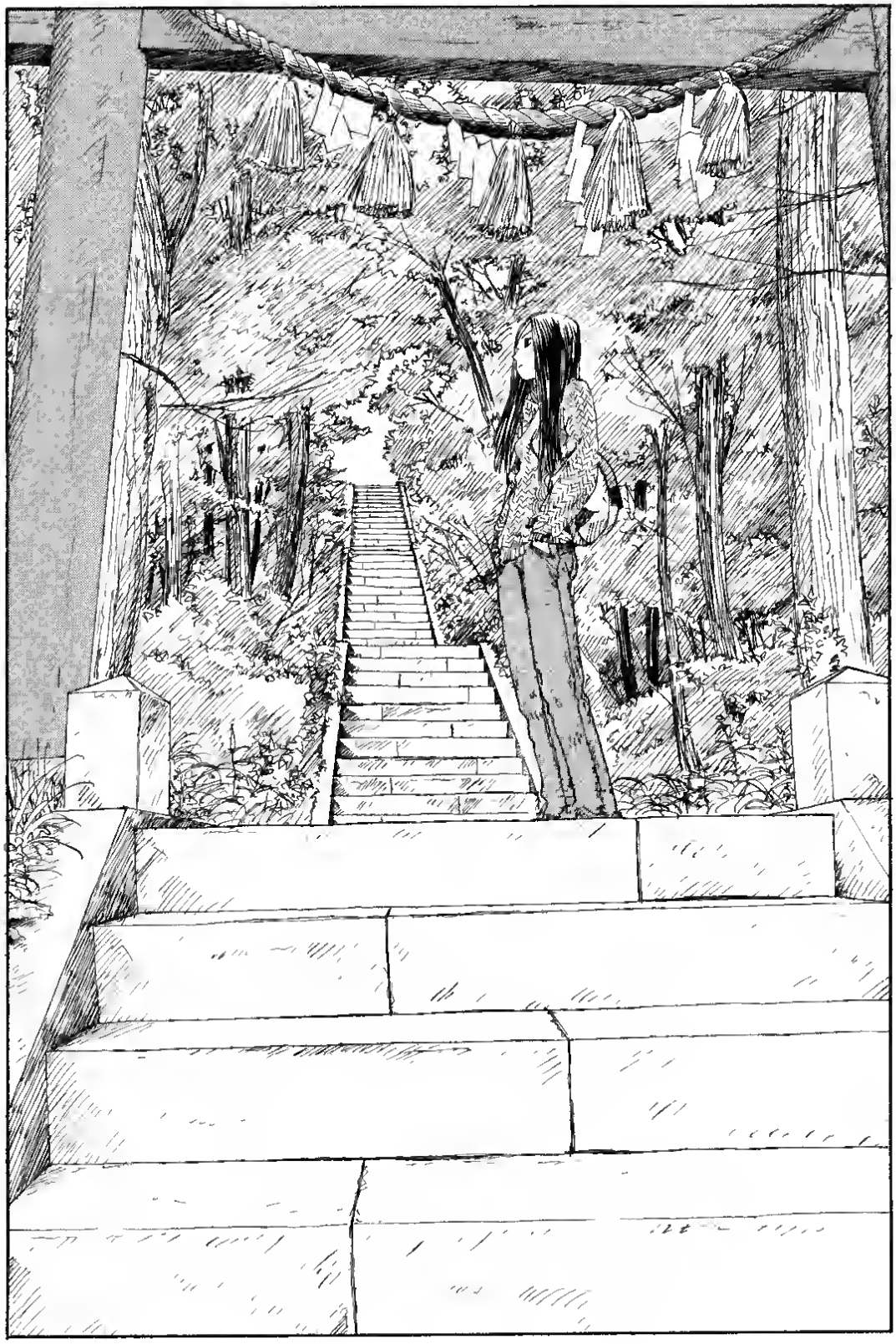
I GO BY THE NAME TAKUMA EGUCHI NOW.
WHAT ABOUT YOU?

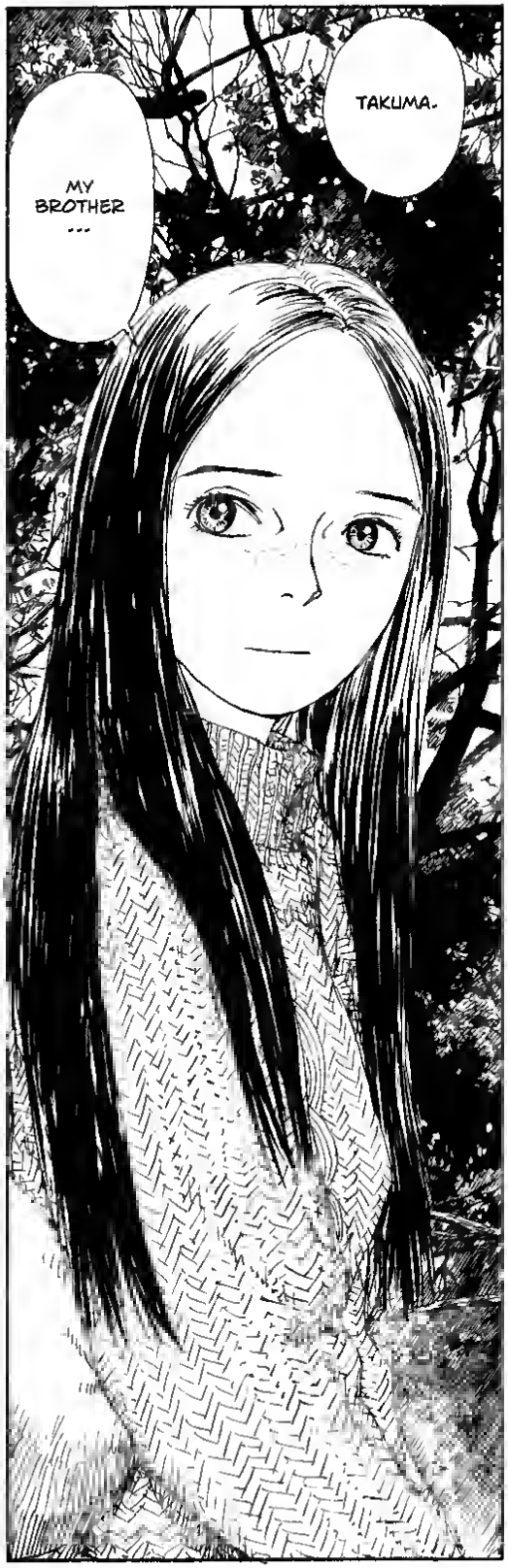

I DON'T HAVE A LAST NAME.
AS FOR MY FIRST NAME... PLEASE CALL ME EMANON.

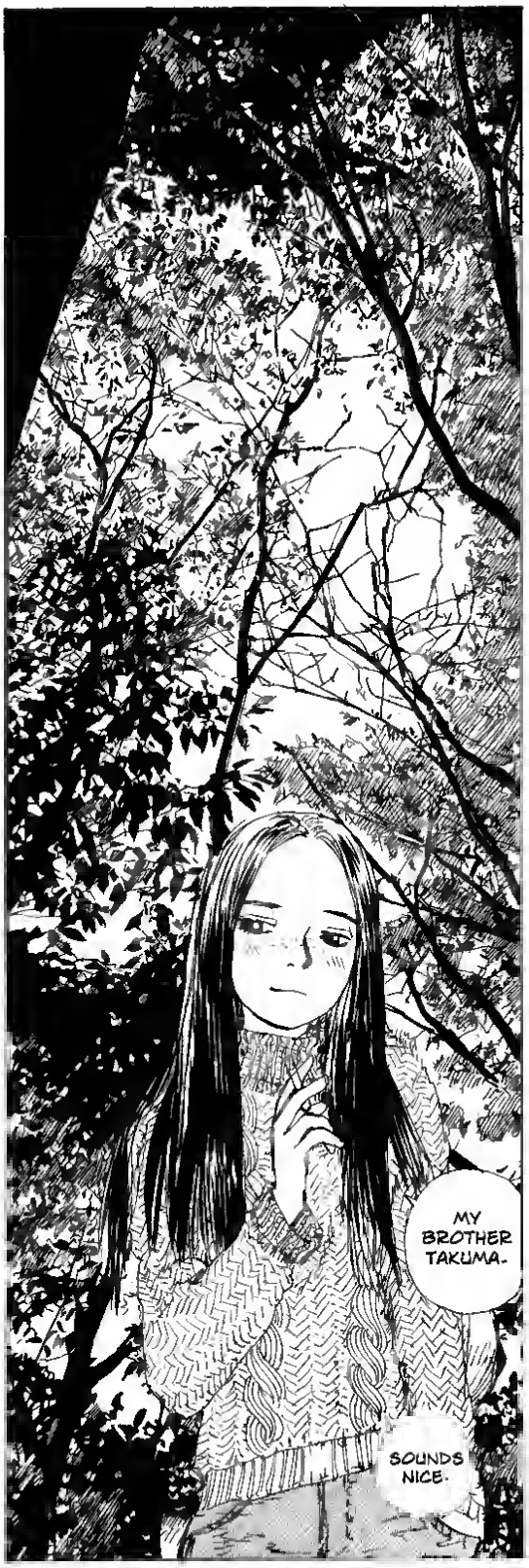
I HEARD WE WERE TOGETHER UNTIL I CAME TO AIDO-EN.
I WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT YOU... EMANON.
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW WHERE I COME FROM.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW?
I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW IF YOU WERE ALIVE, MUCH LESS WHERE YOU LIVED.
BUT NO MATTER HOW HARD I TRIED, I COULD NEVER FIND OUT ANYTHING.
ME ---?
I'VE JUST BEEN TRAVELING.

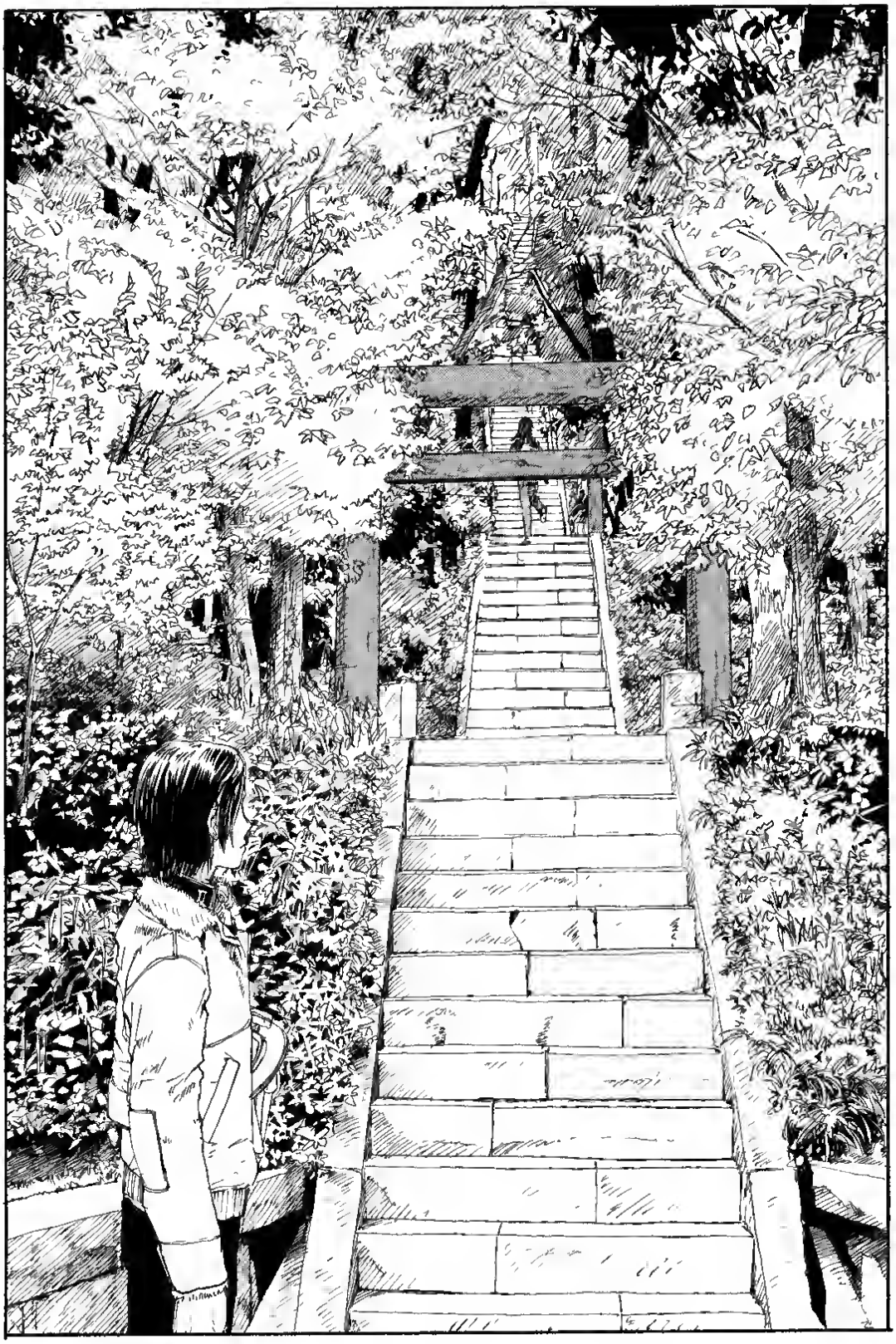
...I KNOW NOTHING ABOUT YOU.
WILL YOU TELL ME MORE ABOUT YOURSELF, EMANON?
I THINK I HAVE A RIGHT TO KNOW.
SURE.
I WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT YOU AS WELL.

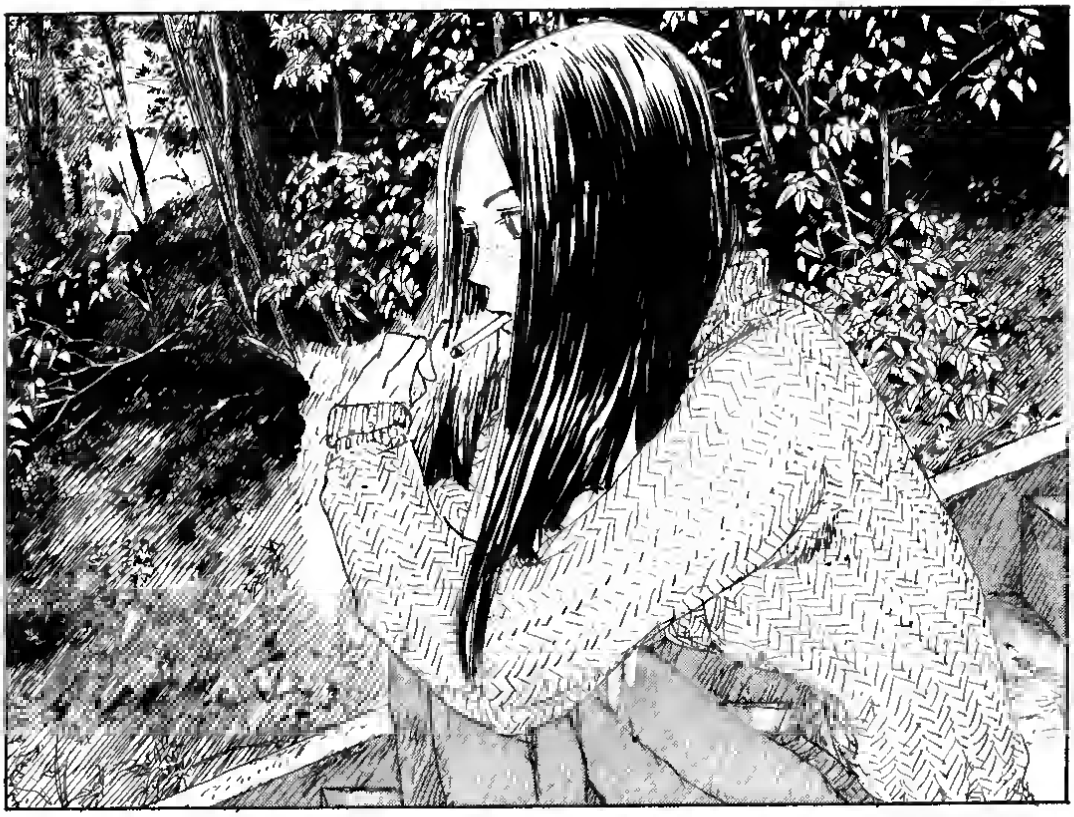

I DON'T ...
...KNOW YOU AT ALL.



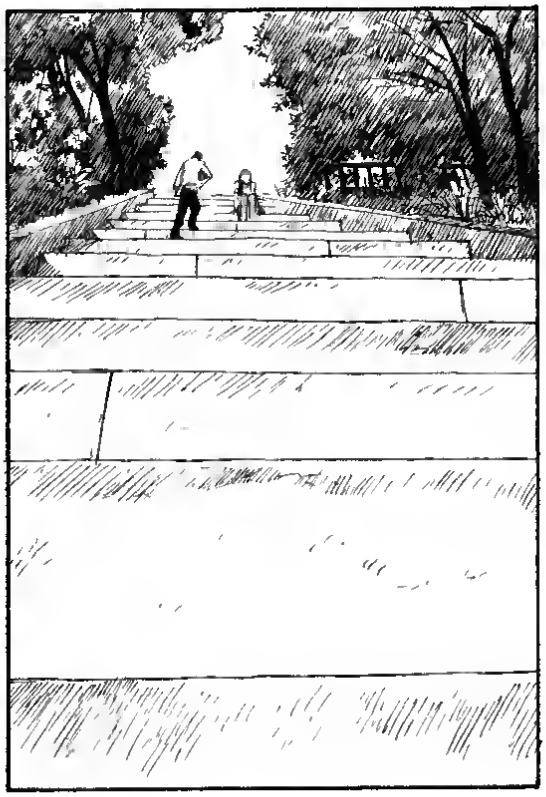

TAKUMA.
MY BROTHER ...

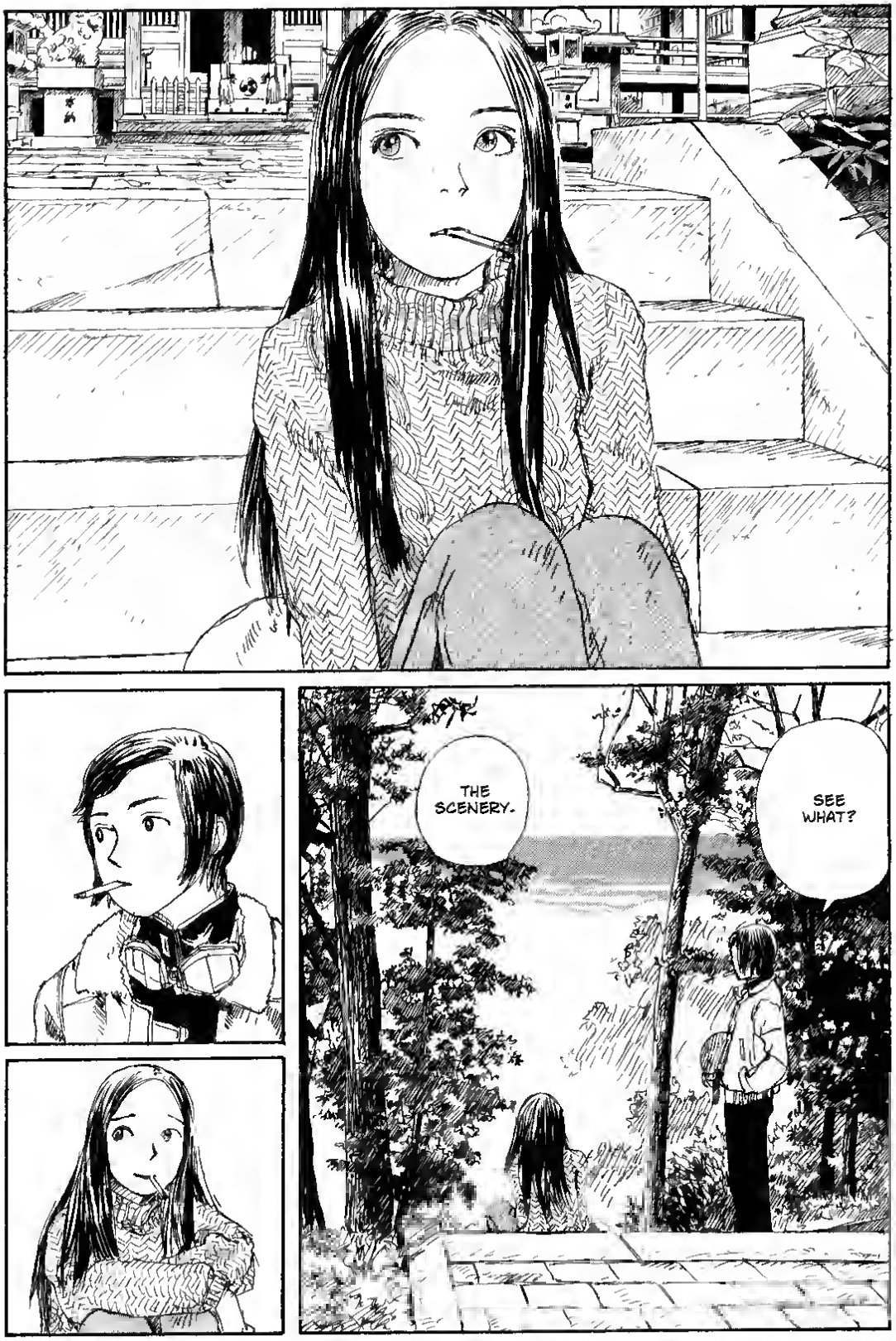

MY BROTHER TAKUMA.
SOUNDS NICE.





YOU CAN SEE SO MUCH FROM HERE.

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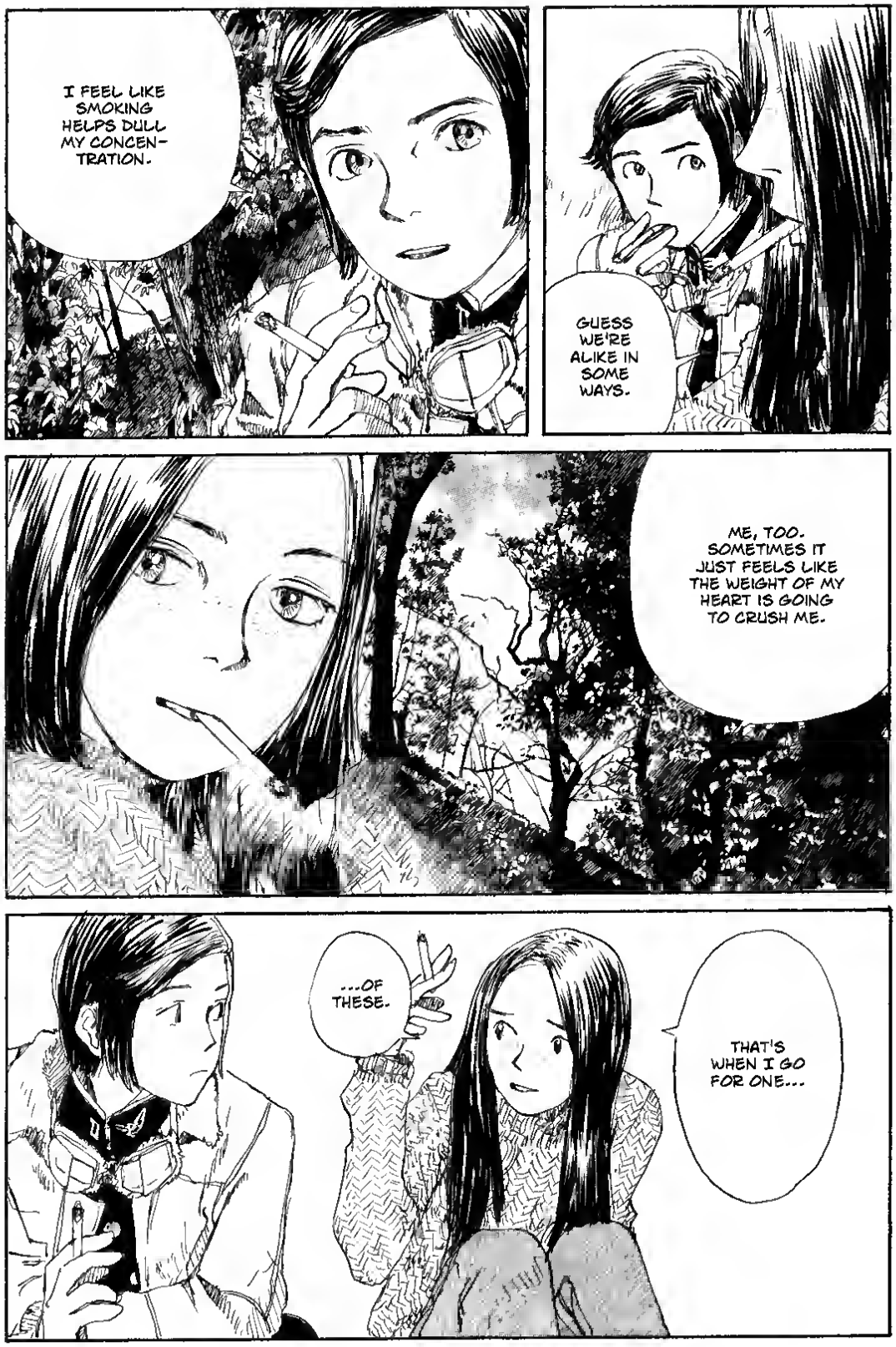
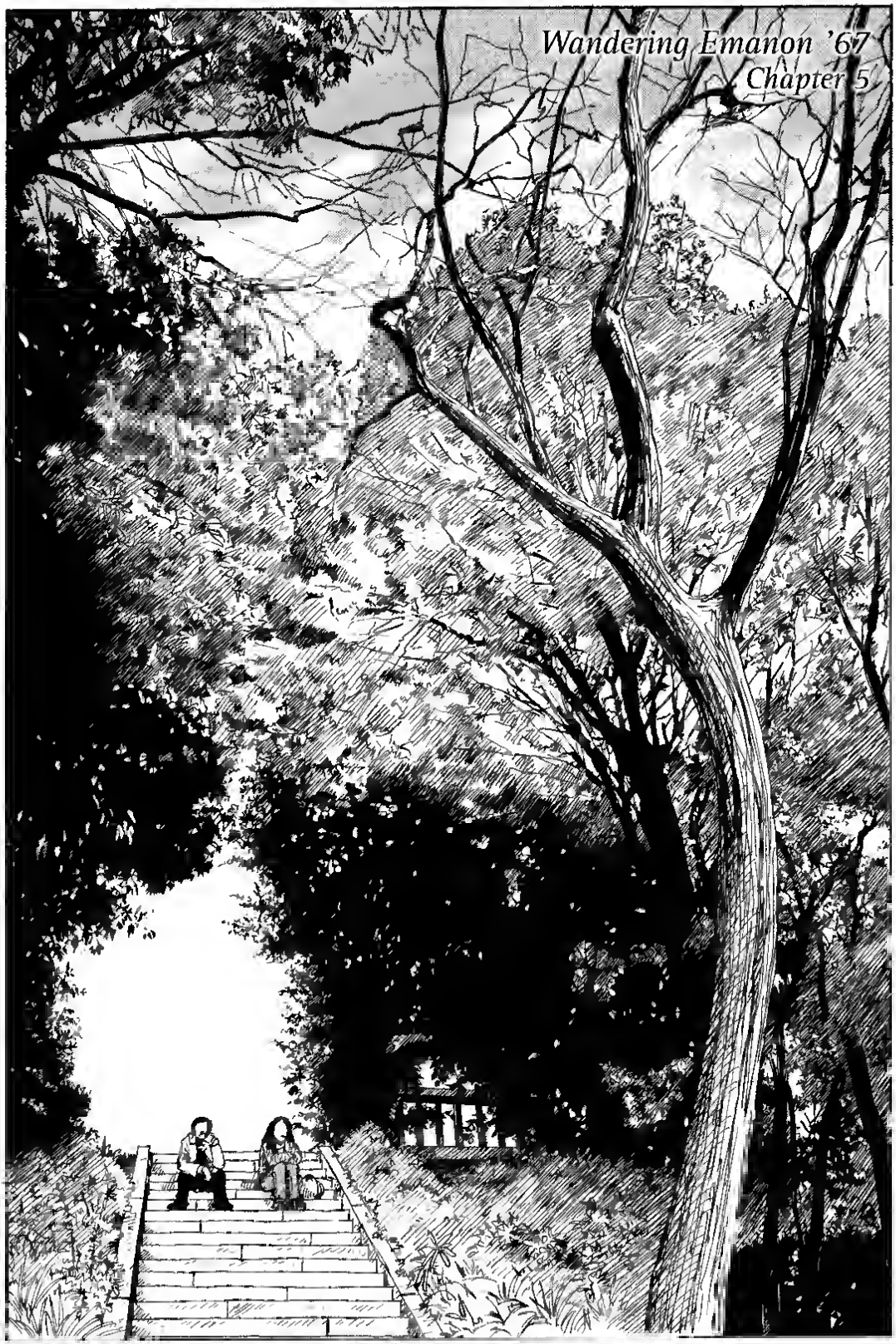
SEE WHAT?


I FEEL LIKE SMOKING HELPS DULL MY CONCENTRATION.
GUESS WE'RE ALIKE IN SOME WAYS.
ME, TOO. SOMETIMES IT JUST FEELS LIKE THE WEIGHT OF MY HEART IS GOING TO CRUSH ME.
THAT'S WHEN I GO FOR ONE...
...OF THESE.

I'VE ALWAYS BEEN ABLE TO SEE THIS DIM LIGHT EVER SINCE I WAS A KID.
IT DOESN'T GO AWAY EVEN WHEN I CLOSE MY EYES.
SOMETIMES IT MOVES SLOWLY.
I FIGURED IT WAS JUST SOMETHING WRONG WITH MY EYES AND TRIED NOT TO THINK ABOUT IT.
BUT A FEW DAYS AGO...
YOU MENTIONED A LIGHT.
THAT YOU COULD SEE IT.

...IT SUDDENLY GOT BIGGER AND CLEARER.
AND I RACED TOWARDS IT WANTING TO KNOW WHAT IT WAS.
APPARENTLY THAT LIGHT WAS ALWAYS SHOWING ME WHERE MY LONG-LOST SISTER WAS.
I THOUGHT IT MUST HAVE SOME SPECIAL MEANING...
BUT OBVIOUSLY YOU CAN'T SEE IT.

I HAD A FEELING I COULD SEE YOU...
...AND SO I CAME HERE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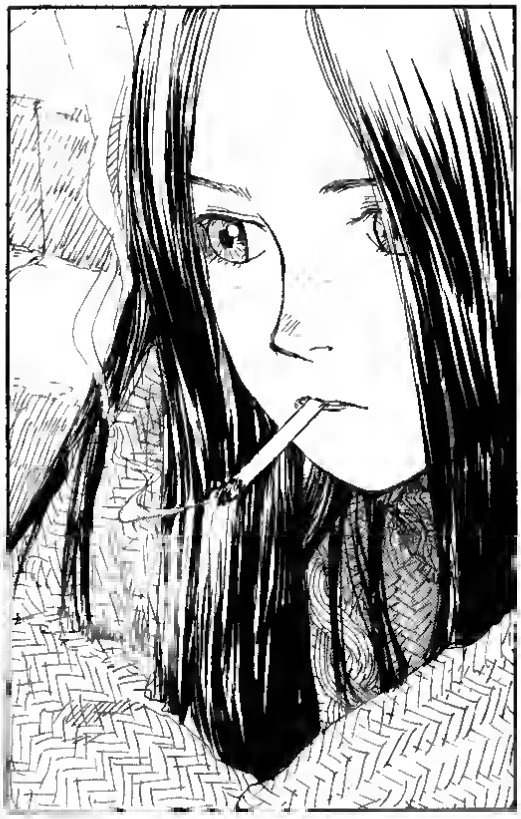
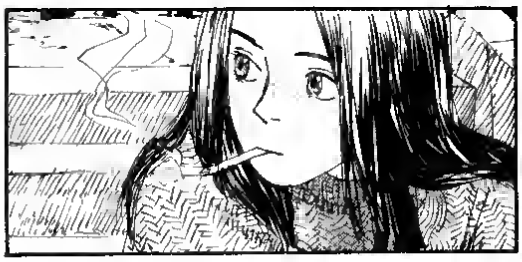
I WAS TAKEN IN BY A CHILDLESS COUPLE.
YEAH.
YOU'RE NOT AT AIDO-EN ANYMORE.
RIGHT, TAKUMA ?
EGUCHI IS THEIR LAST NAME.
THANKS TO THEM I HAVEN'T WANTED FOR ANYTHING.
I'M GLAD ...



YOU REMEMBER US BEING TAKEN THERE?



I ALWAYS WONDERED ---
---HOW YOU WERE DOING.
BUT I FIGURED YOU'D BE OK AT AIDO-EN---
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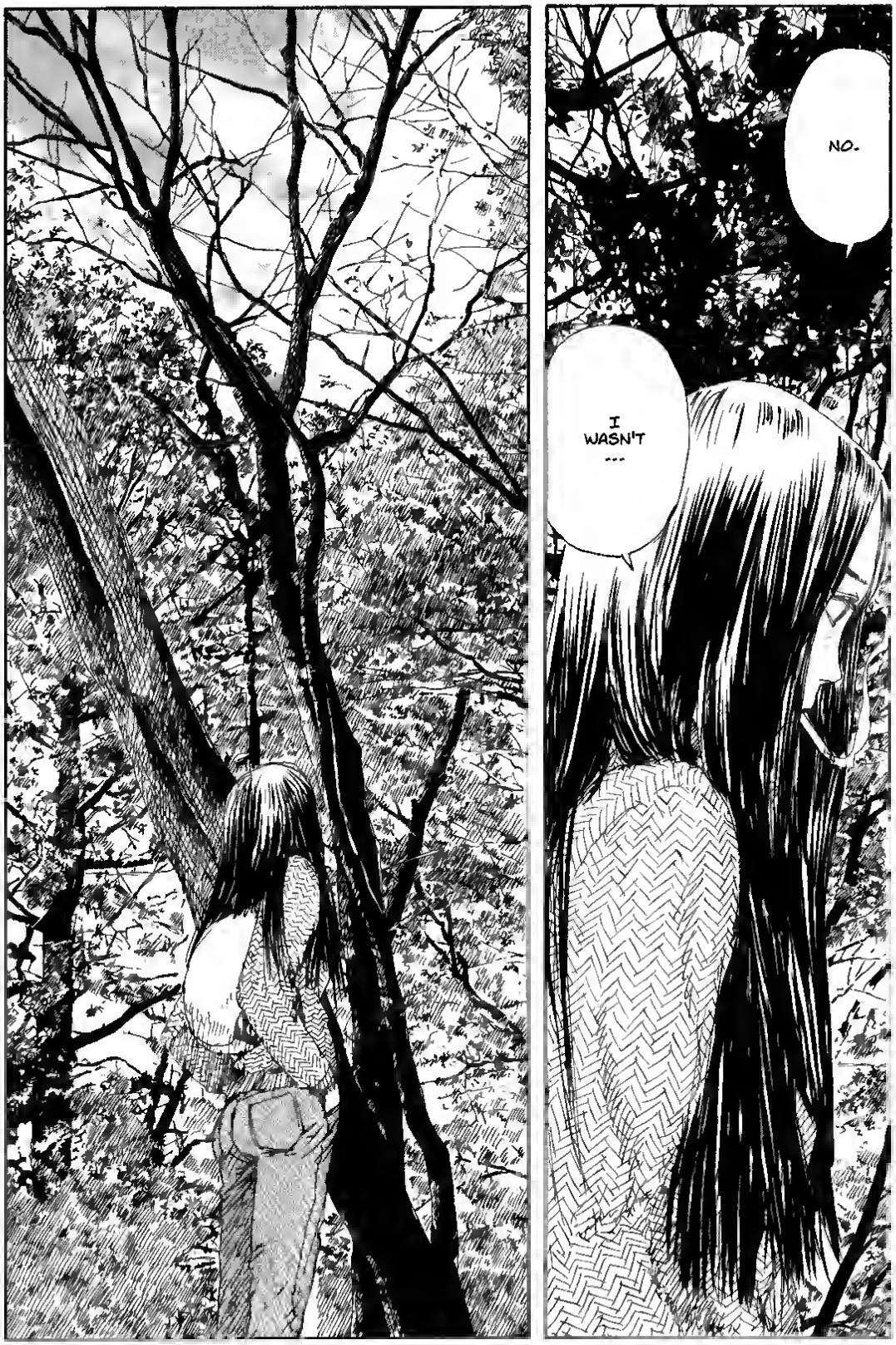
THAT'S WHY I LEFT YOU THERE.

Sign: Aido-en.

I KNOW HER NAME WAS KAZUKO TANAKA... AND WE LIVED IN AN APARTMENT BY YAYOI PARK.
SO YOU REMEMBER OUR MOTHER, TOO?
...AND MADE UP THE NAME KAZUKO TANAKA.
YEAH, I WAS THE ONE WHO RENTED THE APARTMENT...

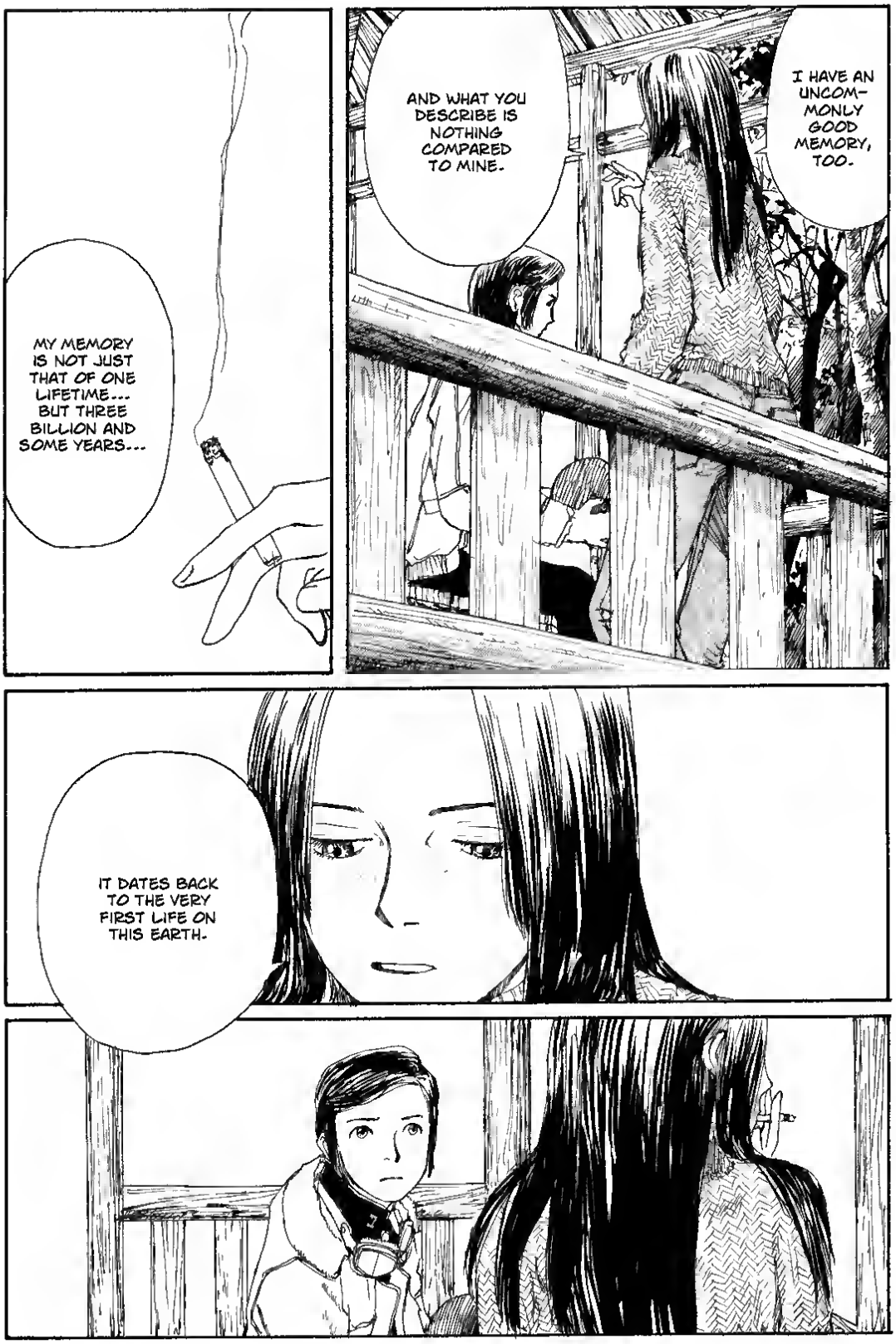
I DON'T UNDER-STAND...
YOU RENTED THE APARTMENT, EMANON?
DON'T YOU THINK YOUR MEMORY MIGHT BE A LITTLE MIXED UP?
AFTER ALL, YOU WERE ONLY TWO OR THREE AT THE TIME AS WELL.


NO.
I WASN'T ...

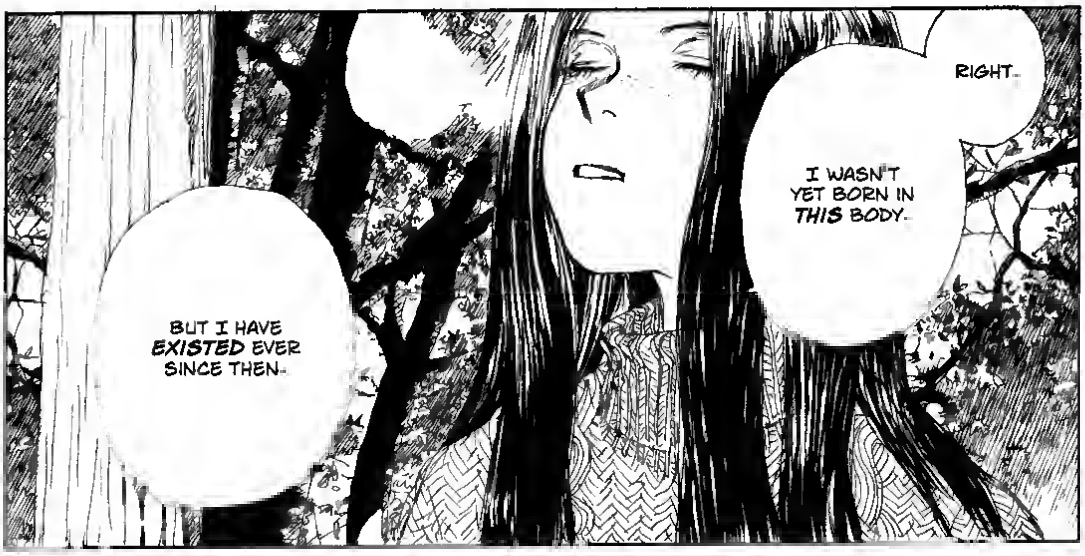
I GUESS WE SHOULD TELL OUR STORIES IN ORDER AFTER ALL.
THERE ARE THINGS I DON'T UNDER-STAND, EITHER.

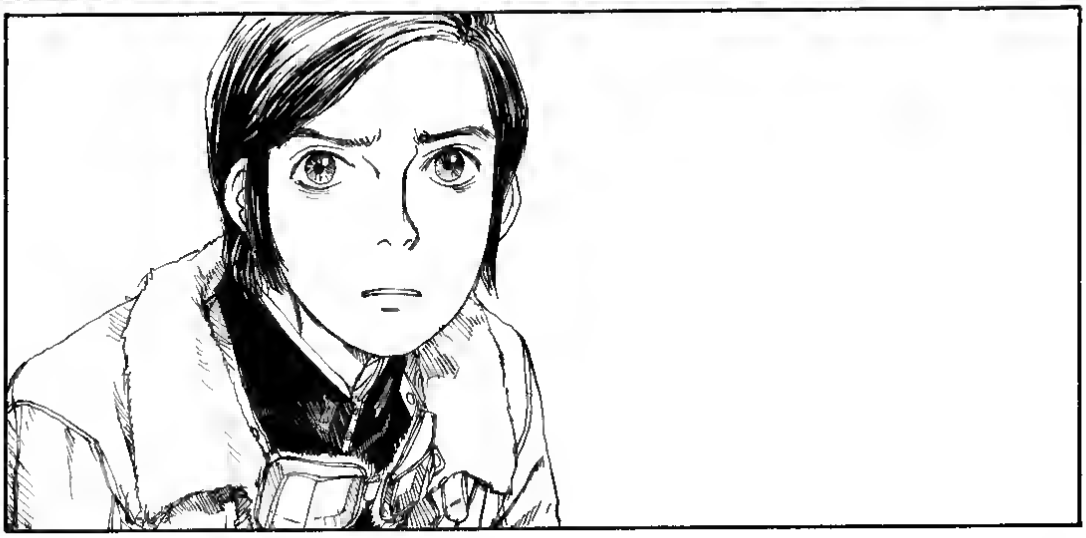
YOU SAID
YOU CAN SEE
A LIGHT?

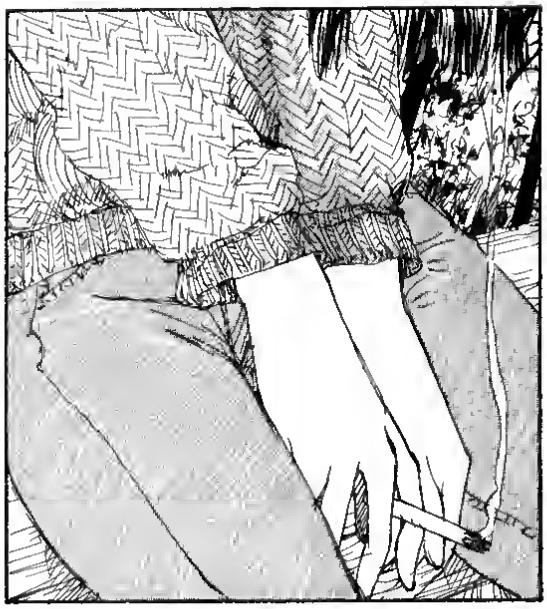
IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE THAT SETS YOU APART FROM OTHER PEOPLE?
MAYBE MY MEMORY.
...
I THOUGHT THAT MIGHT BE THE CASE.
I THINK MY MEMORIES SINCE I WAS AT AIDO-EN ARE PRETTY COMPLETE.
I NEVER FORGET ANYTHING I SEE OR HEAR.

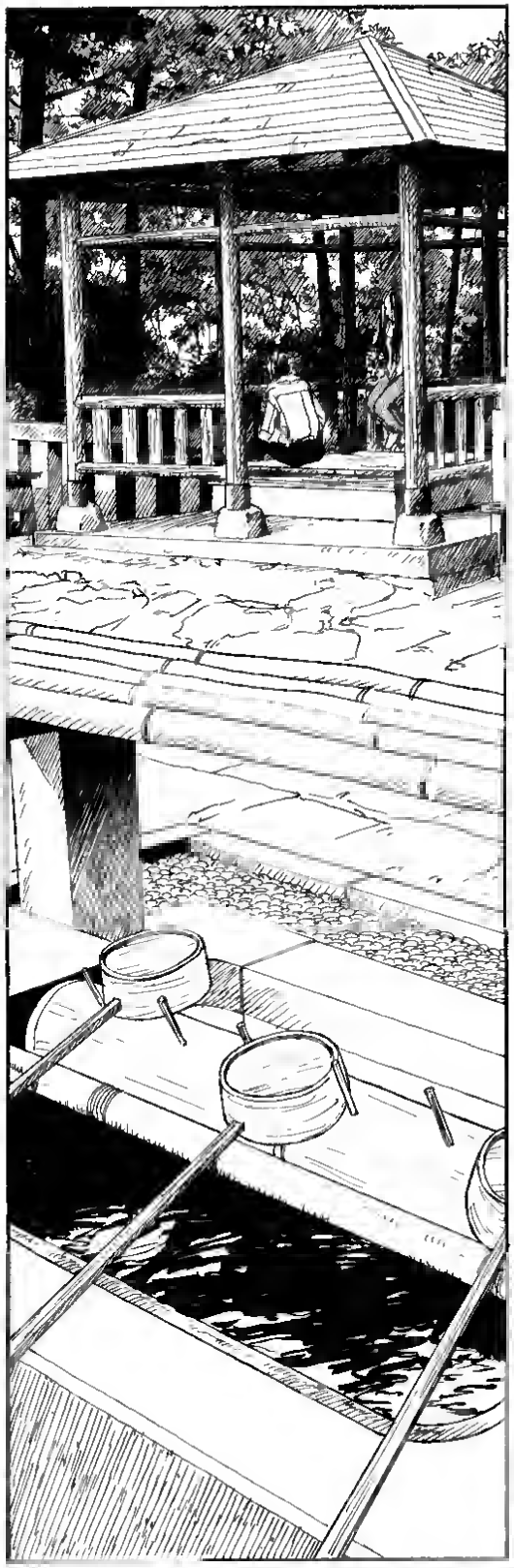

I HAVE AN UNCOM-MONLY GOOD MEMORY, TOO.
AND WHAT YOU DESCRIBE IS NOTHING COMPARED TO MINE.
MY MEMORY IS NOT JUST THAT OF ONE LIFETIME... BUT THREE BILLION AND SOME YEARS...
IT DATES BACK TO THE VERY FIRST LIFE ON THIS EARTH.

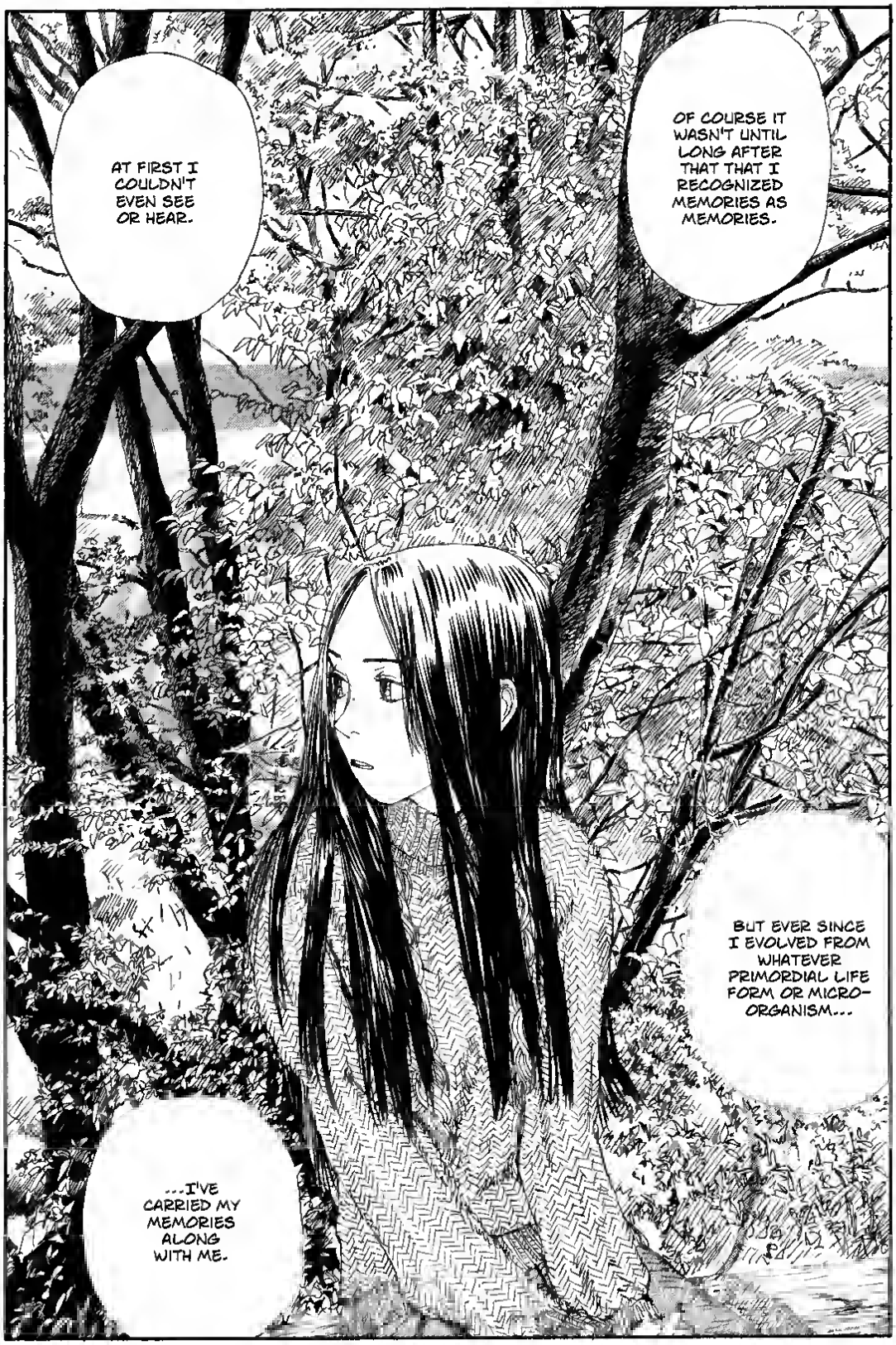
BUT THERE WEREN'T EVEN HUMANS THREE BILLION YEARS AGO.
HOW CAN YOU CLAIM TO HAVE MEMORIES OF BACK THEN?
YOU WEREN'T EVEN BORN.


RIGHT.
I WASN'T YET BORN IN THIS BODY.
BUT I HAVE EXISTED EVER SINCE THEN.



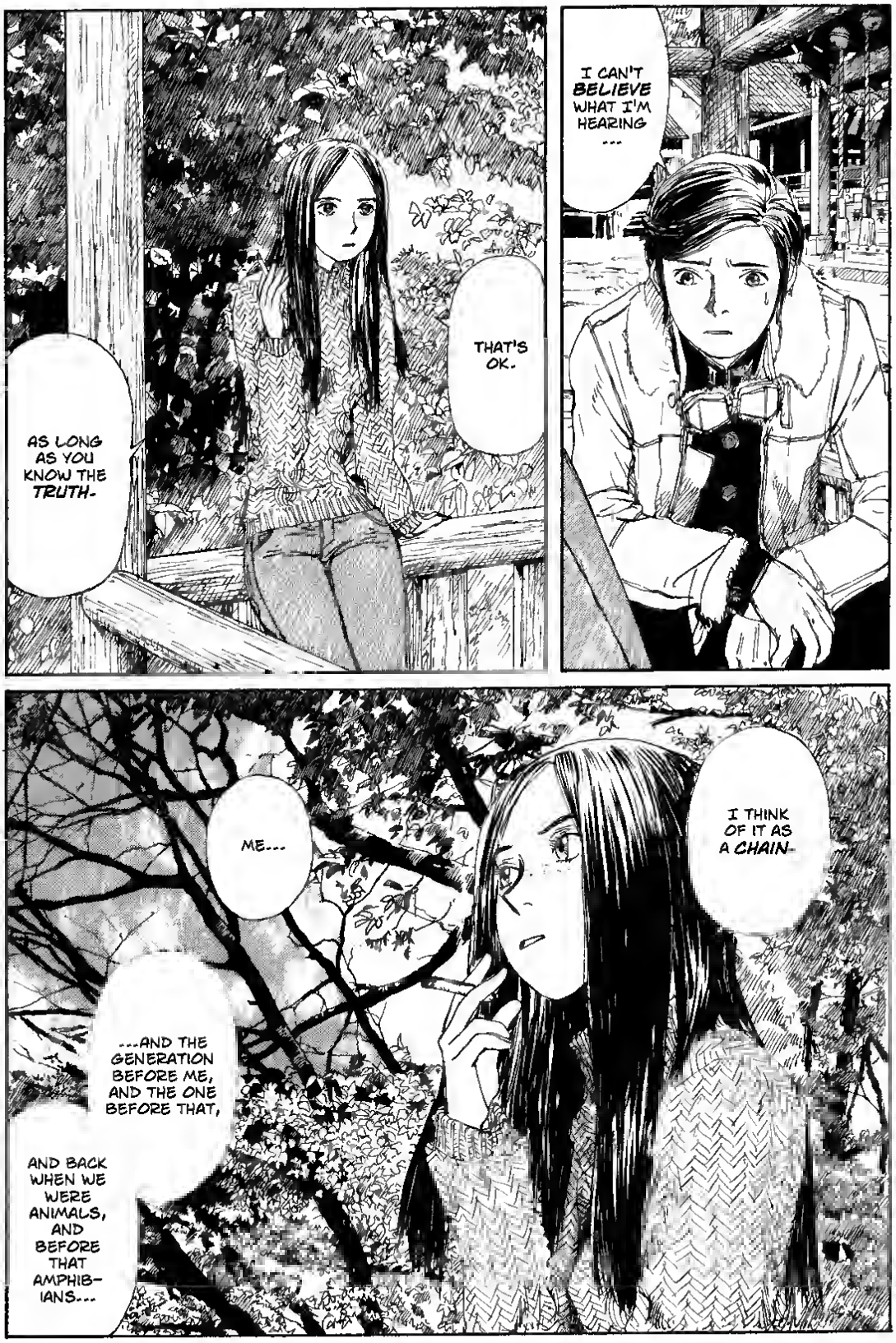





AT FIRST I COULDN'T EVEN SEE OR HEAR.
OF COURSE IT WASN'T UNTIL LONG AFTER THAT THAT I RECOGNIZED MEMORIES AS MEMORIES.
BUT EVER SINCE I EVOLVED FROM WHATEVER PRIMORDIAL LIFE FORM OR MICRO-ORGANISM...
...I'VE CARRIED MY MEMORIES ALONG WITH ME.

YES.
...BEFORE YOU WERE HUMAN?
ARE YOU SAYING YOU LIVED THROUGH EVOLUTION...
...MY MEMORIES GO BACK BILLIONS OF YEARS.
SO EVEN THOUGH IT'S ONLY BEEN A COUPLE DECADES SINCE I WAS BORN INTO THIS BODY...
THAT'S WHAT I MEANT WHEN I SAID I EXISTED BEFORE I WAS BORN.

ONE CHILD IS BORN EACH GENERATION ---
---AND THAT CHILD INHERITS ALL THE MEMORIES OF ITS PARENT.
HOW DO YOU INHERIT THE MEMORIES?
WHAT ABOUT THE PARENT?
THE PARENT LOSES ITS MEMORIES---
---AND BECOMES A SHELL.


I CAN'T BELIEVE WHAT I'M HEARING ...
THAT'S OK.
AS LONG AS YOU KNOW THE TRUTH.
I THINK OF IT AS A CHAIN.
ME...
...AND THE GENERATION BEFORE ME, AND THE ONE BEFORE THAT,
AND BACK WHEN WE WERE ANIMALS, AND BEFORE THAT AMPHIBIANS...

I KNOW IT'S THE CHAIN OF EVOLUTION.
IF THE MEMORIES ARE PASSED DOWN FROM MOTHER TO THE NEXT MOTHER...
AND NOW THAT'S YOU...

THEN WHY WAS I BORN?
THE ONE CHILD DESTINED TO BE BORN PER GENERATION. THAT'S YOU, RIGHT?
SO WHY TWINS? AND ONE OF US A BOY?
I SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN BORN, RIGHT?

UNTIL MY PREVIOUS SELF BECAME PREGNANT WITH US, I HAD NO IDEA THIS SORT OF THING COULD HAPPEN.
IT PERPLEXED ME, TOO.
I WON'T DENY IT.
BEFORE I'VE ALWAYS JUST THOUGHT ABOUT MYSELF...
...AND LEFT ON A JOURNEY.
I DON'T KNOW HOW THIS HAPPENED.
BUT TWINS.

MY PREVIOUS GENERATION.
AND OF COURSE IT'S A MADE-UP NAME.
SO OUR MOTHER, KAZUKO TANAKA, IS...
DON'T WE HAVE A FATHER?
BUT I HAVE NO IDEA WHO OR WHERE HE IS.
WE DO.

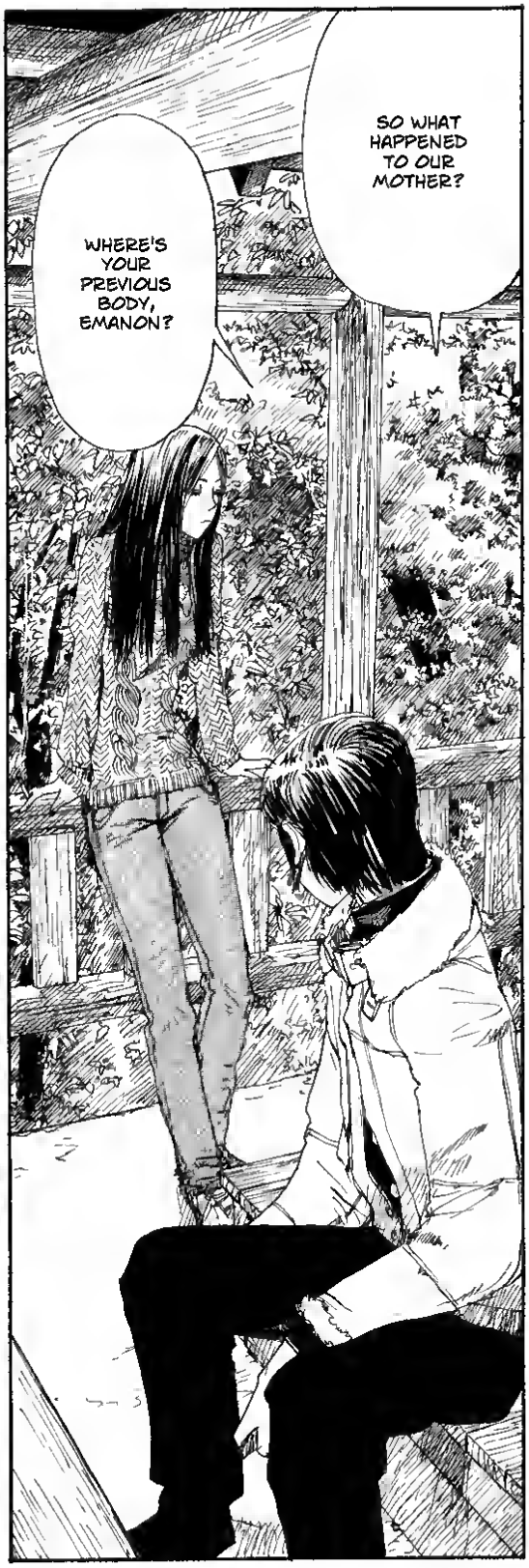
HE WAS A CARELESS MAN.
I DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT HIM.
I DIDN'T CARE WHO THE FATHER WAS.
HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT? YOU'RE NOT JUST SOME STRAY ANIMAL...
YOU'RE MY SISTER AND MY MOTHER.
THAT'S WHAT IT AMOUNTS TO.

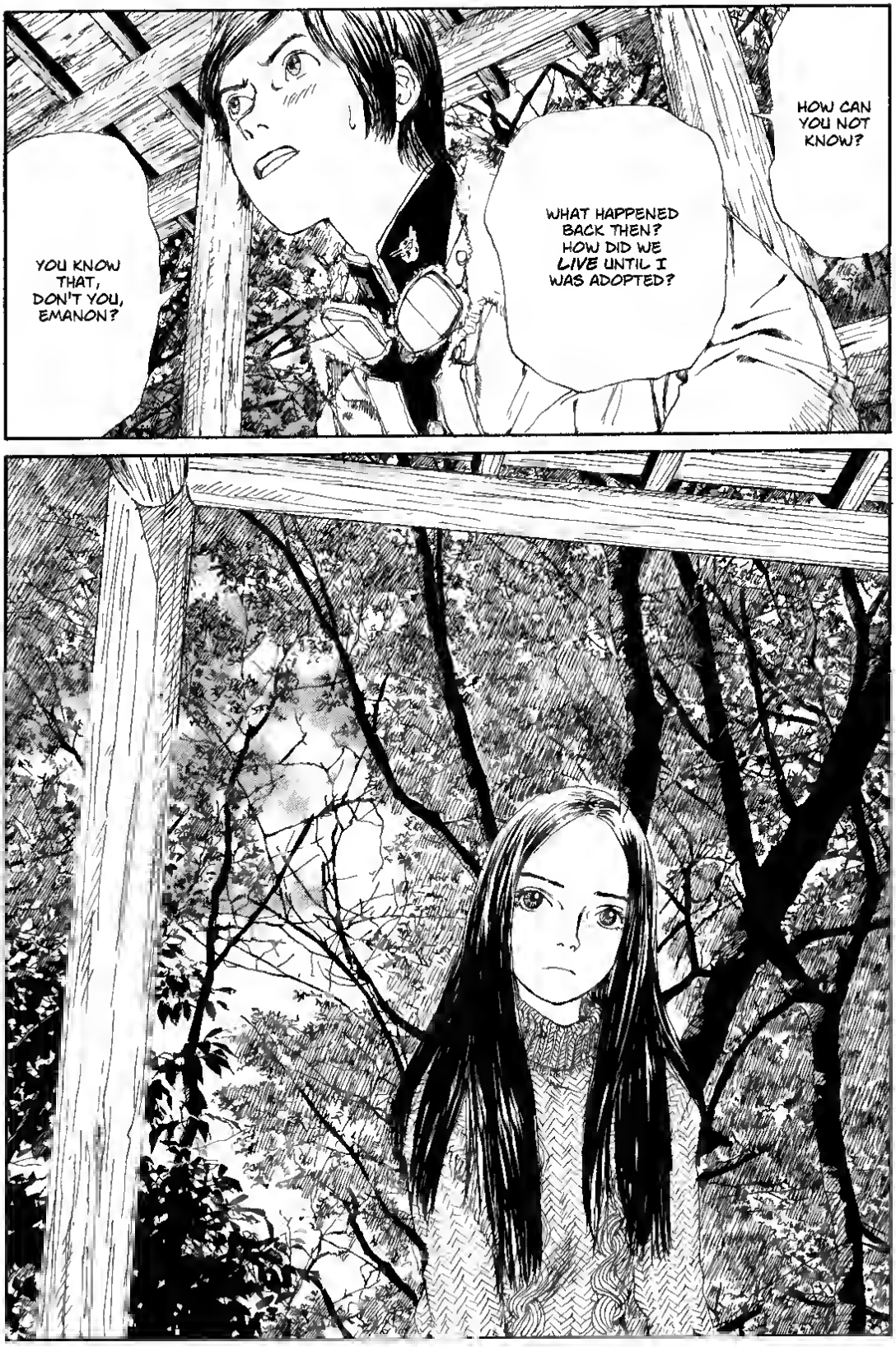
...
YOU DIDN'T CARE...?
AND YOU SAY YOU DIDN'T CARE WHO THE FATHER WAS...
THE INSTINCT TO SHED THE PREVIOUS GENERATION.
A TIME SUDDENLY COMES WHEN I'M NOT MYSELF ANYMORE.
THAT'S WHAT HAPPENS.
INSTINCT KICKS IN.
"SHED" ...?

YOU SAID SHE BECAME A SHELL, BUT IS SHE DEAD?
I DIDN'T HEAR ANYTHING ABOUT A BODY BEING FOUND IN THAT APARTMENT.

...
I DON'T KNOW.

YOU DON'T KNOW?


SO WHAT HAPPENED TO OUR MOTHER?
WHERE'S YOUR PREVIOUS BODY, EMANON?


HOW CAN YOU NOT KNOW?
WHAT HAPPENED BACK THEN? HOW DID WE LIVE UNTIL I WAS ADOPTED?
YOU KNOW THAT, DON'T YOU, EMANON?

MY PREVIOUS INCARNA-TION...
Wandering Emanon '67
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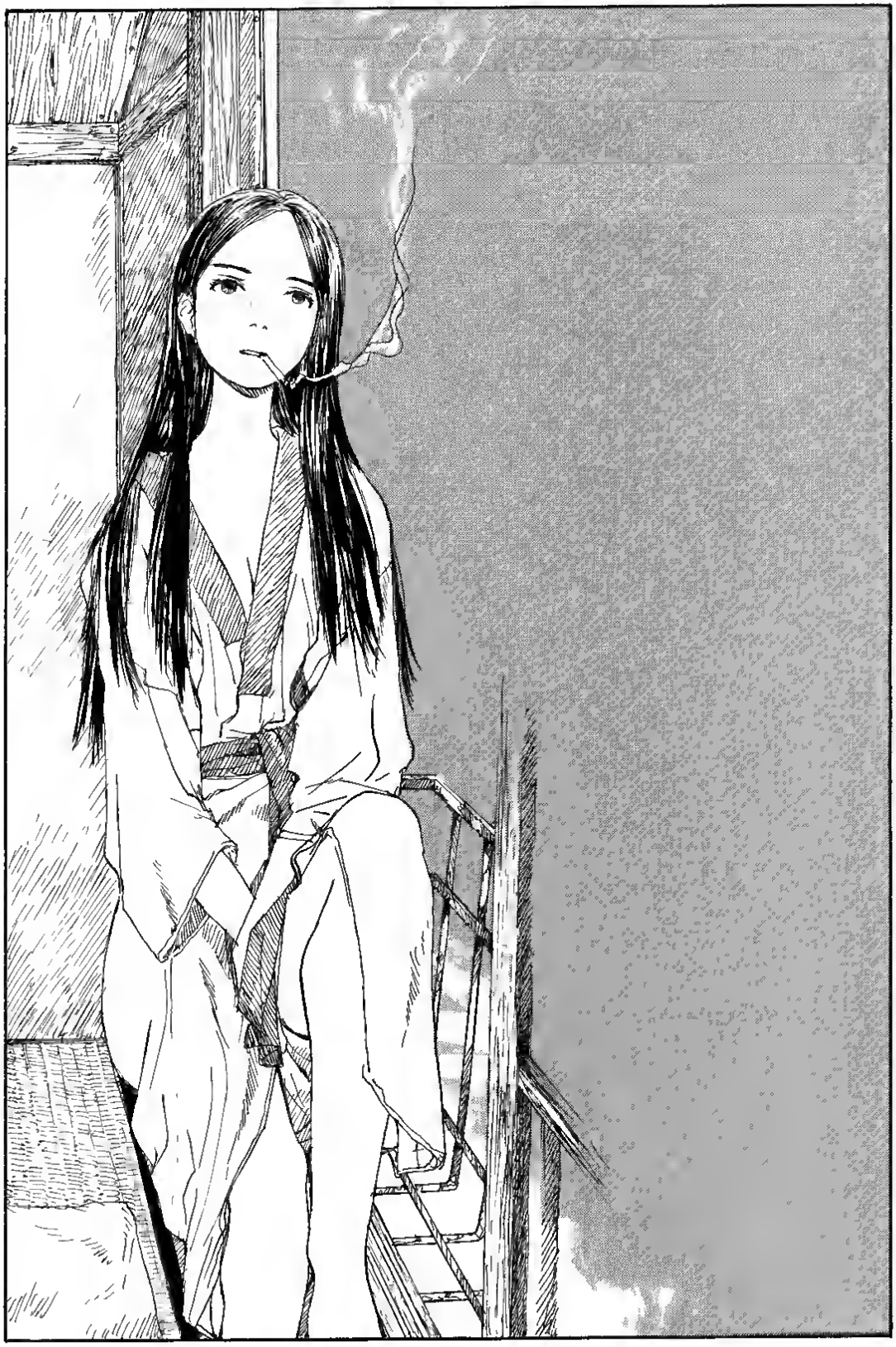
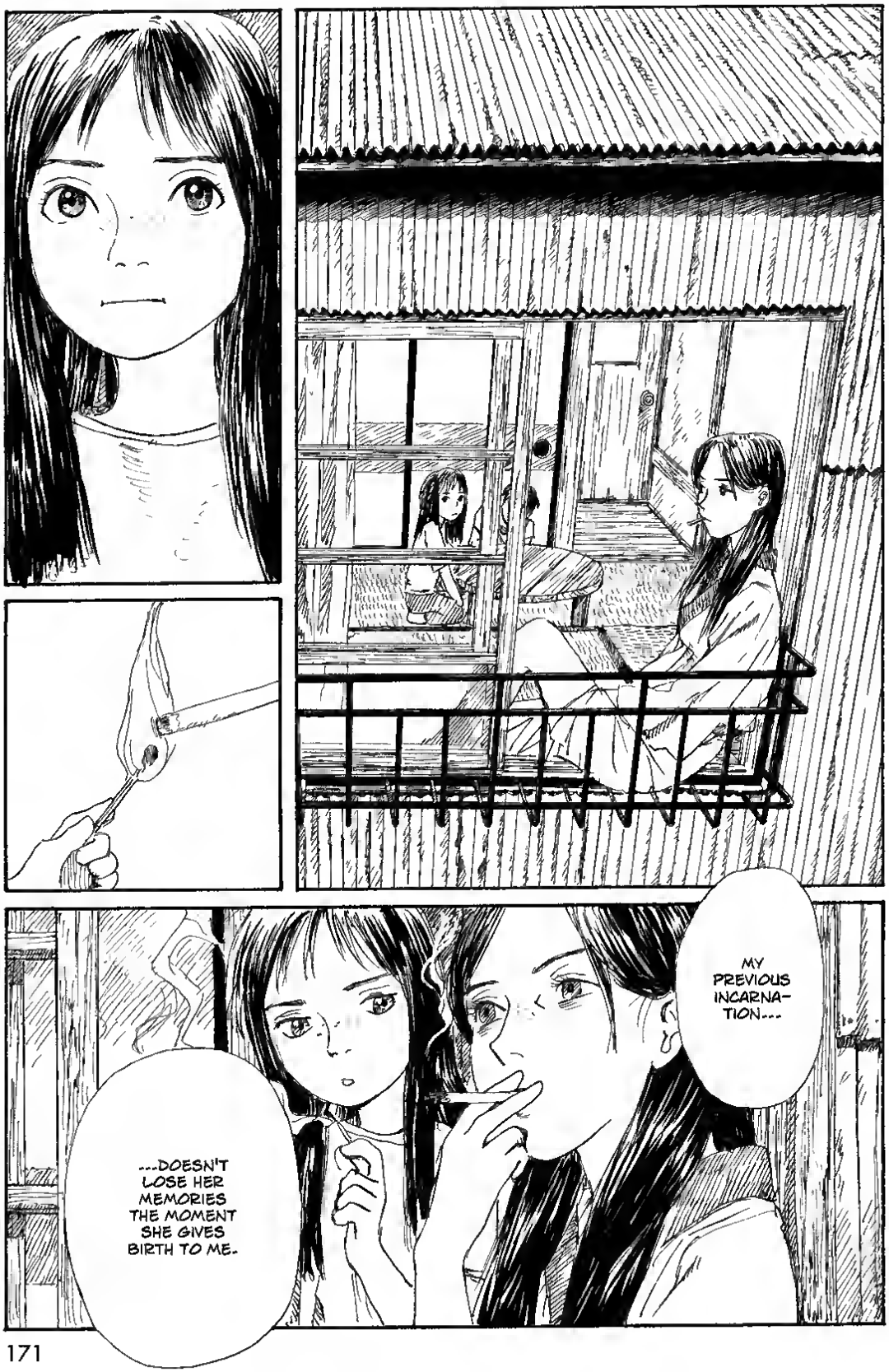
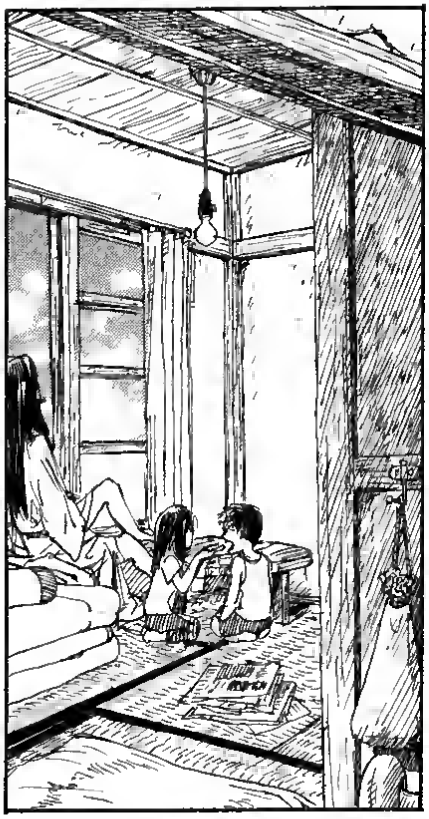
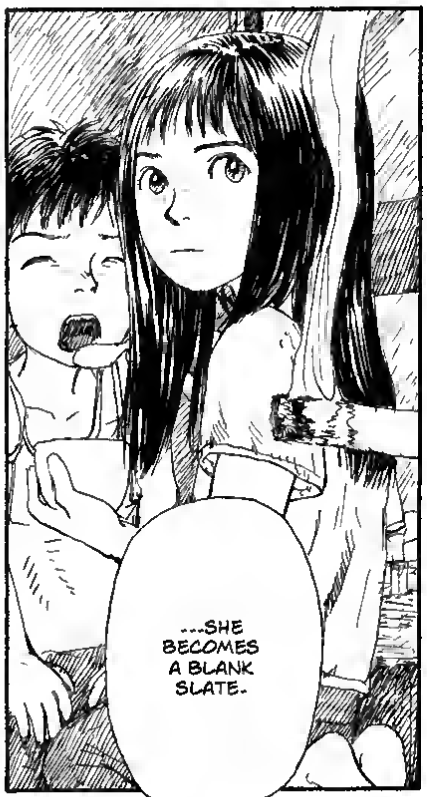
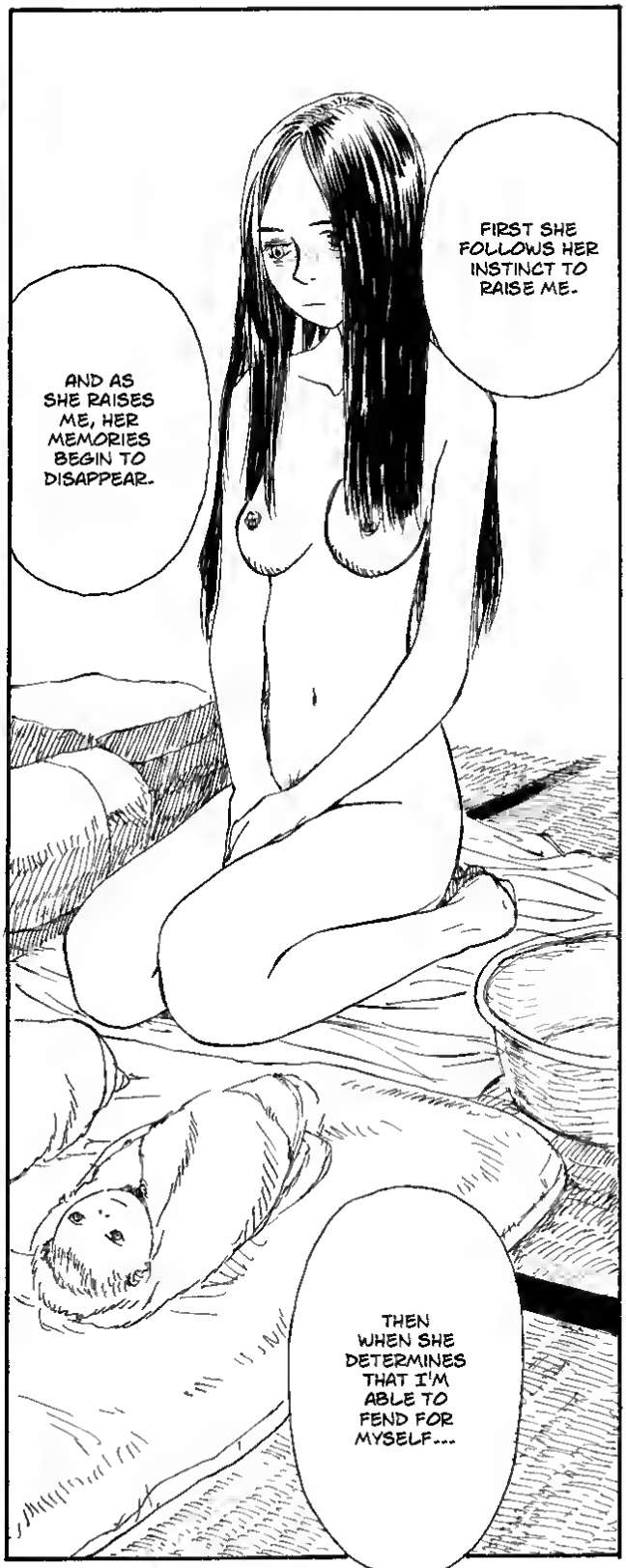
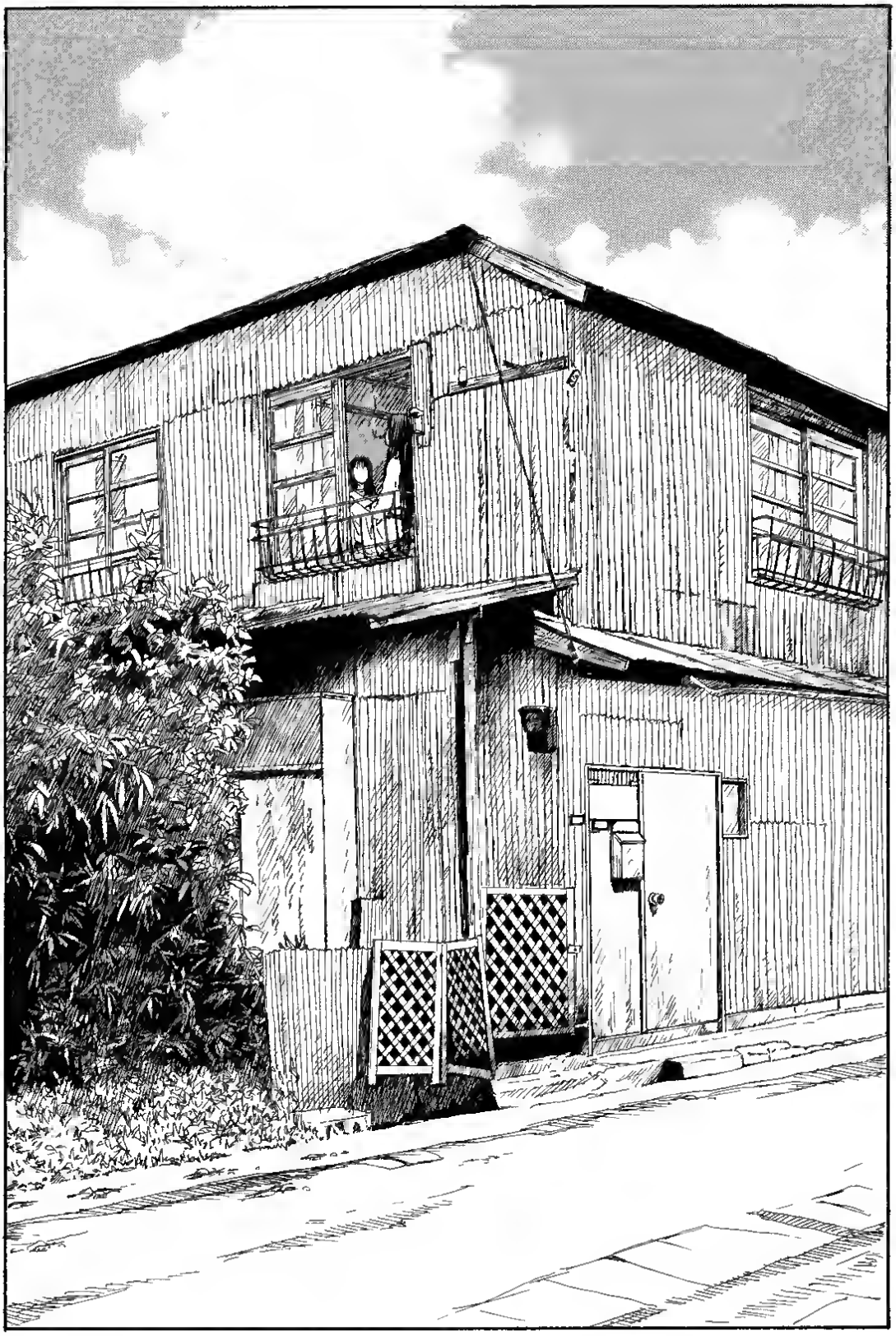


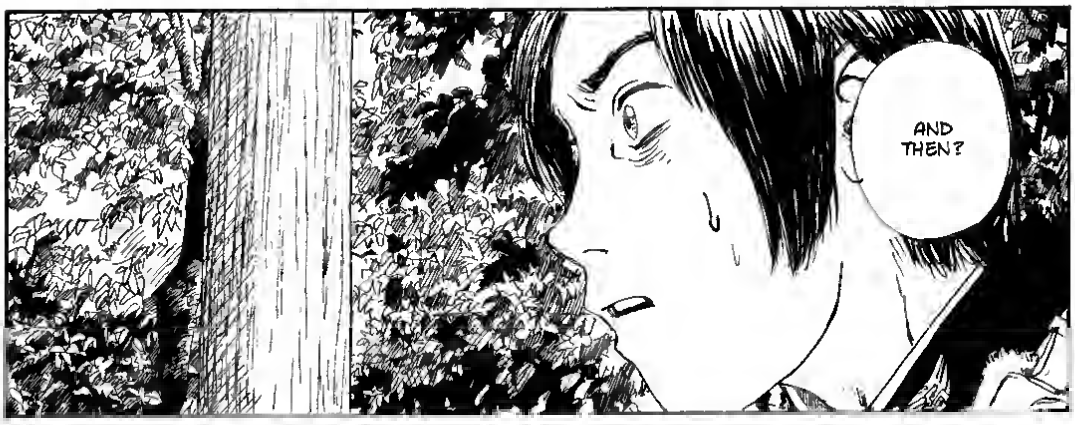

MY PREVIOUS INCARNATION---
---DOESN'T LOSE HER MEMORIES THE MOMENT SHE GIVES BIRTH TO ME.

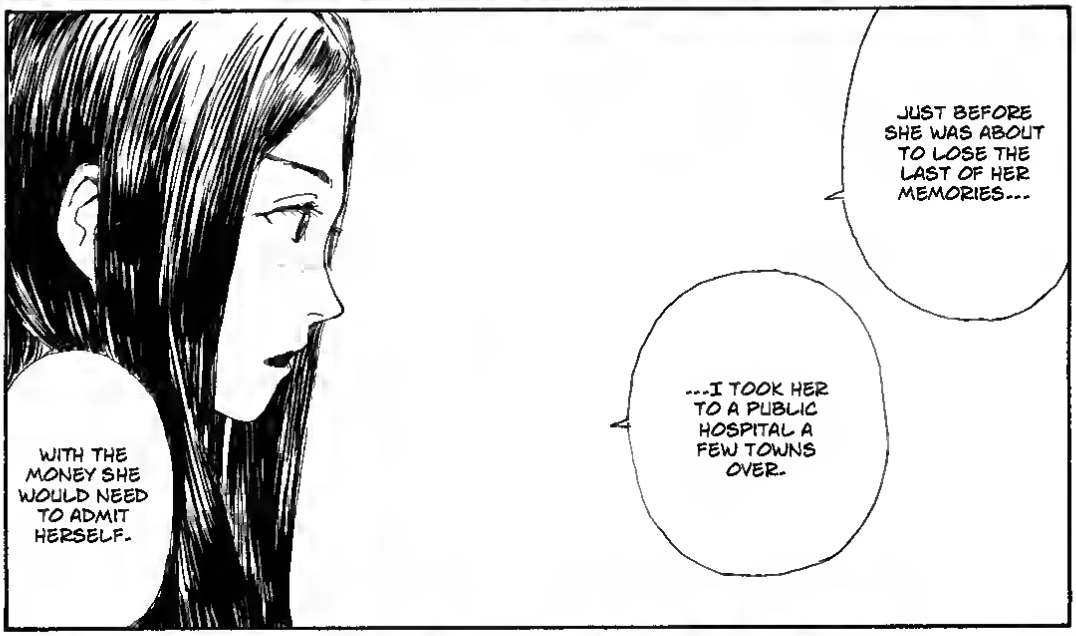


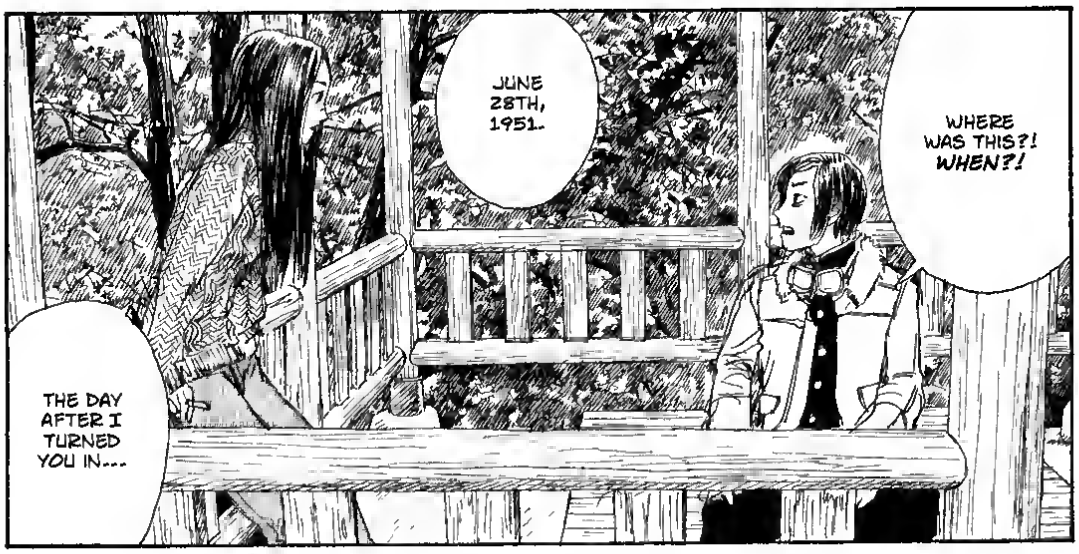

...SHE BECOMES A BLANK SLATE.


FIRST SHE FOLLOWS HER INSTINCT TO RAISE ME.
AND AS SHE RAISES ME, HER MEMORIES BEGIN TO DISAPPEAR.
THEN WHEN SHE DETERMINES THAT I'M ABLE TO FEND FOR MYSELF...

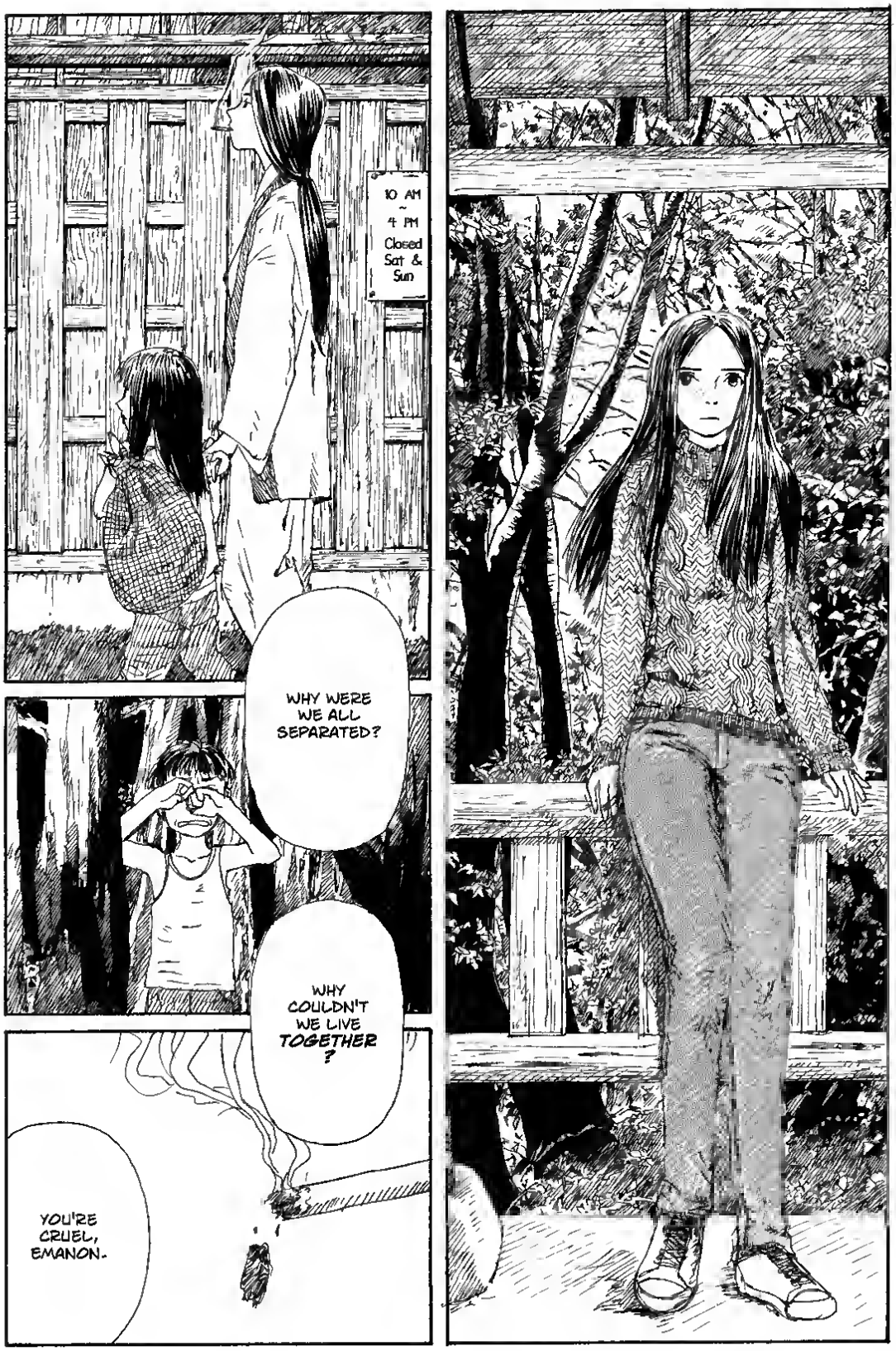



AND THEN?


JUST BEFORE SHE WAS ABOUT TO LOSE THE LAST OF HER MEMORIES...
...I TOOK HER TO A PUBLIC HOSPITAL A FEW TOWNS OVER.
WITH THE MONEY SHE WOULD NEED TO ADMIT HERSELF.


JUNE 28TH, 1951.
WHERE WAS THIS?! WHEN?!
THE DAY AFTER I TURNED YOU IN...

SO YOU ABANDONED US!
ME... AND OUR MOM.


10 AM
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Sat &
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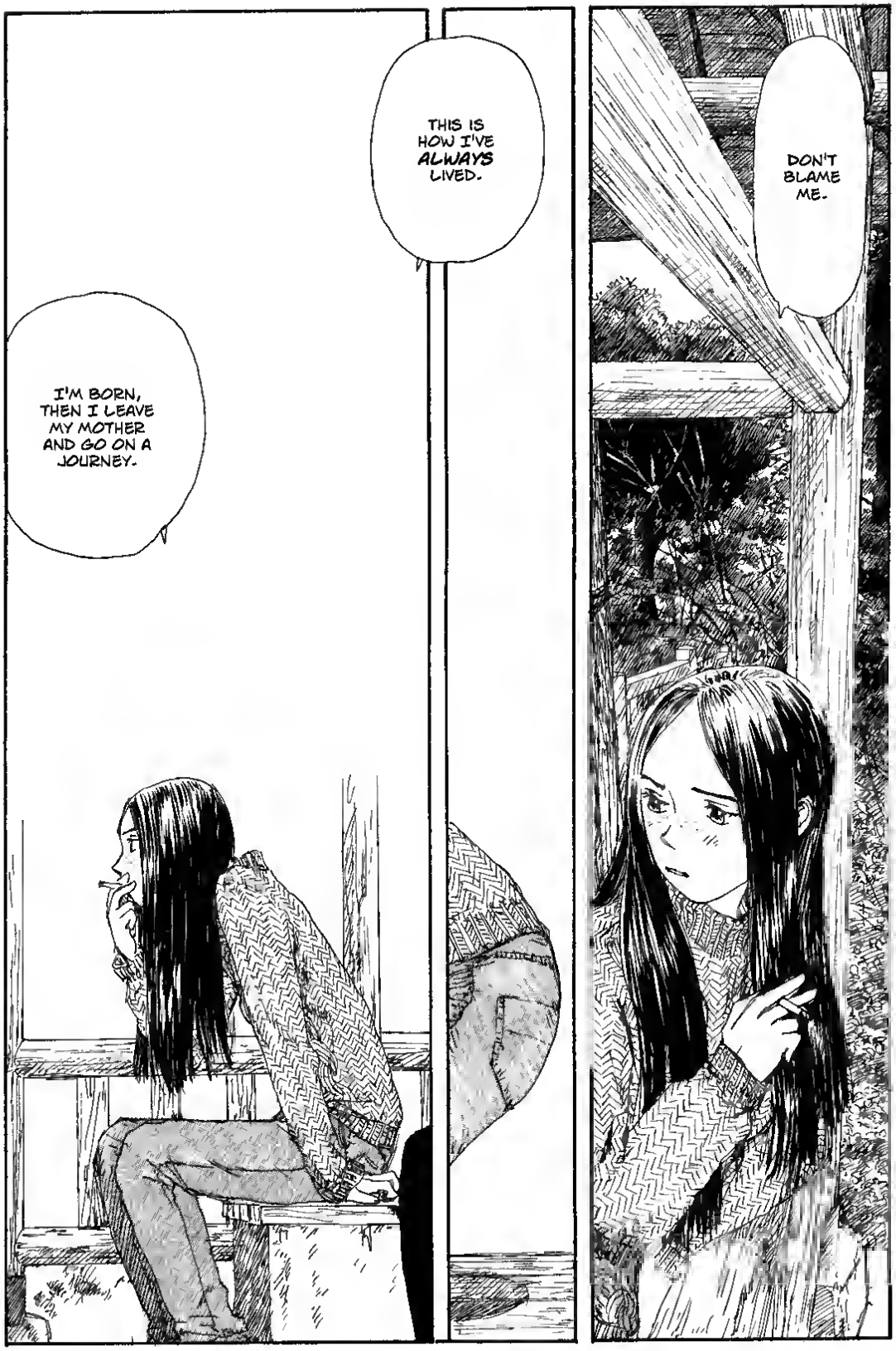
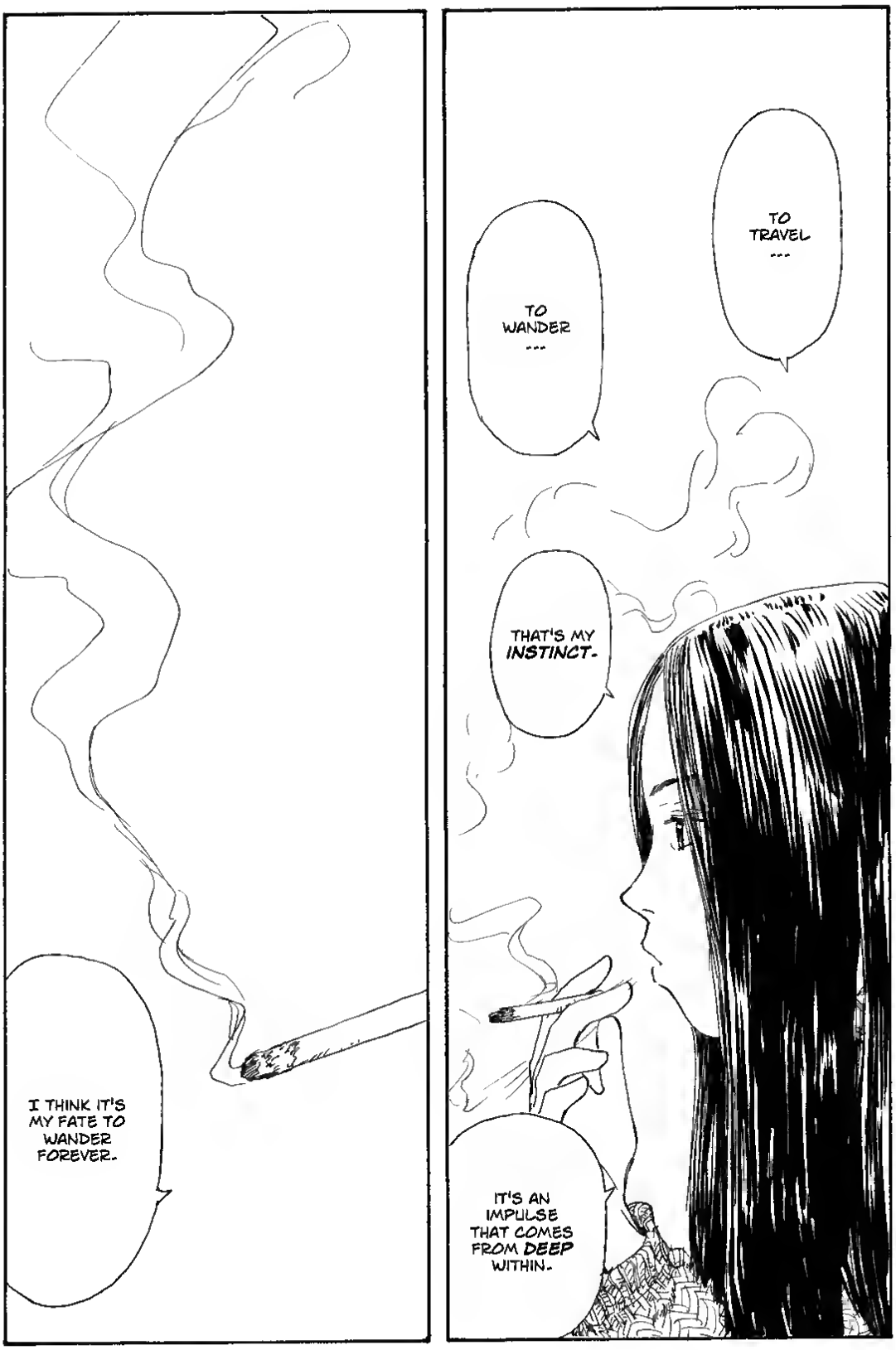
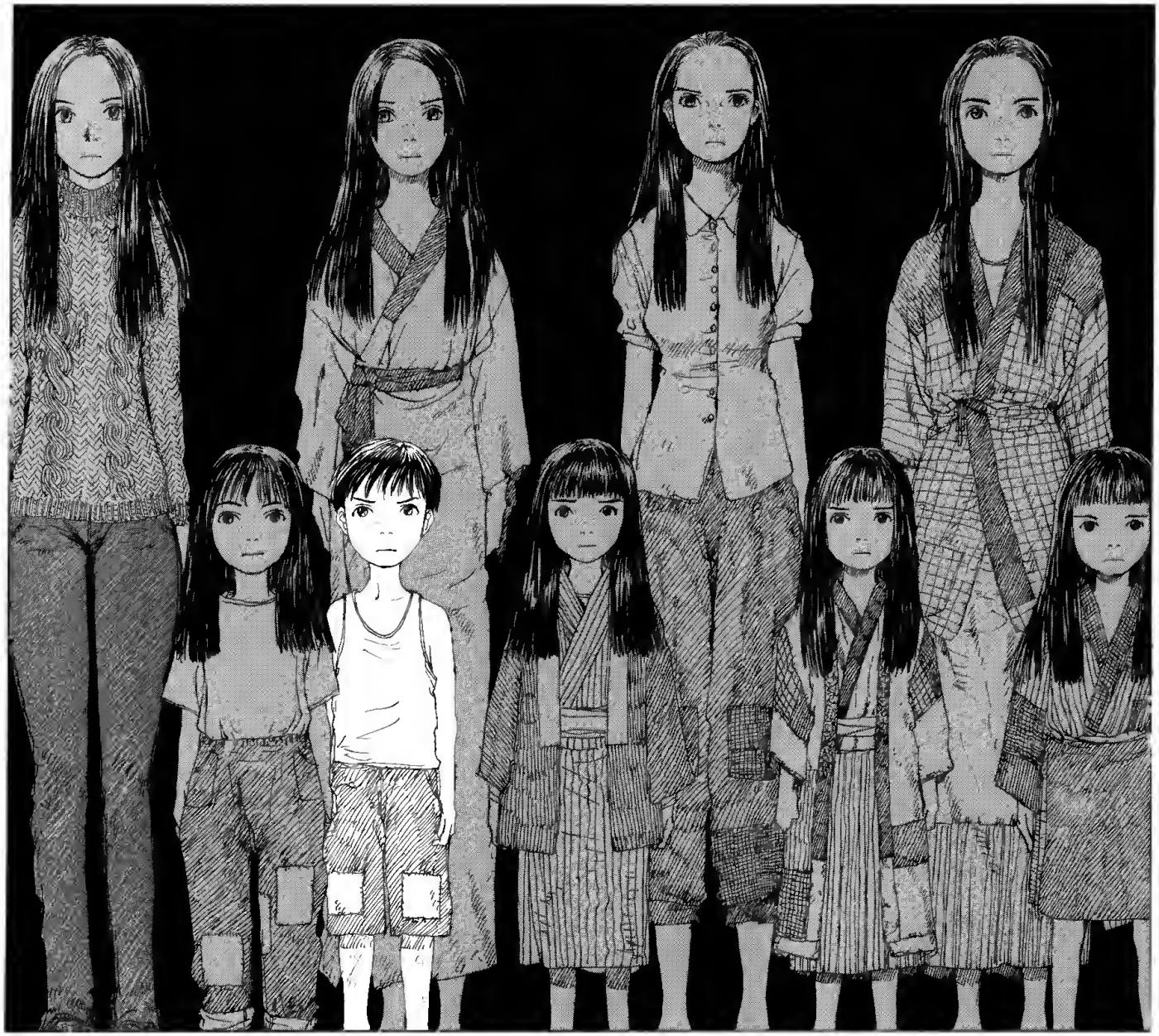
WHY WERE WE ALL SEPARATED?
WHY COULDN'T WE LIVE TOGETHER?
YOU'RE CRUEL, EMANON.

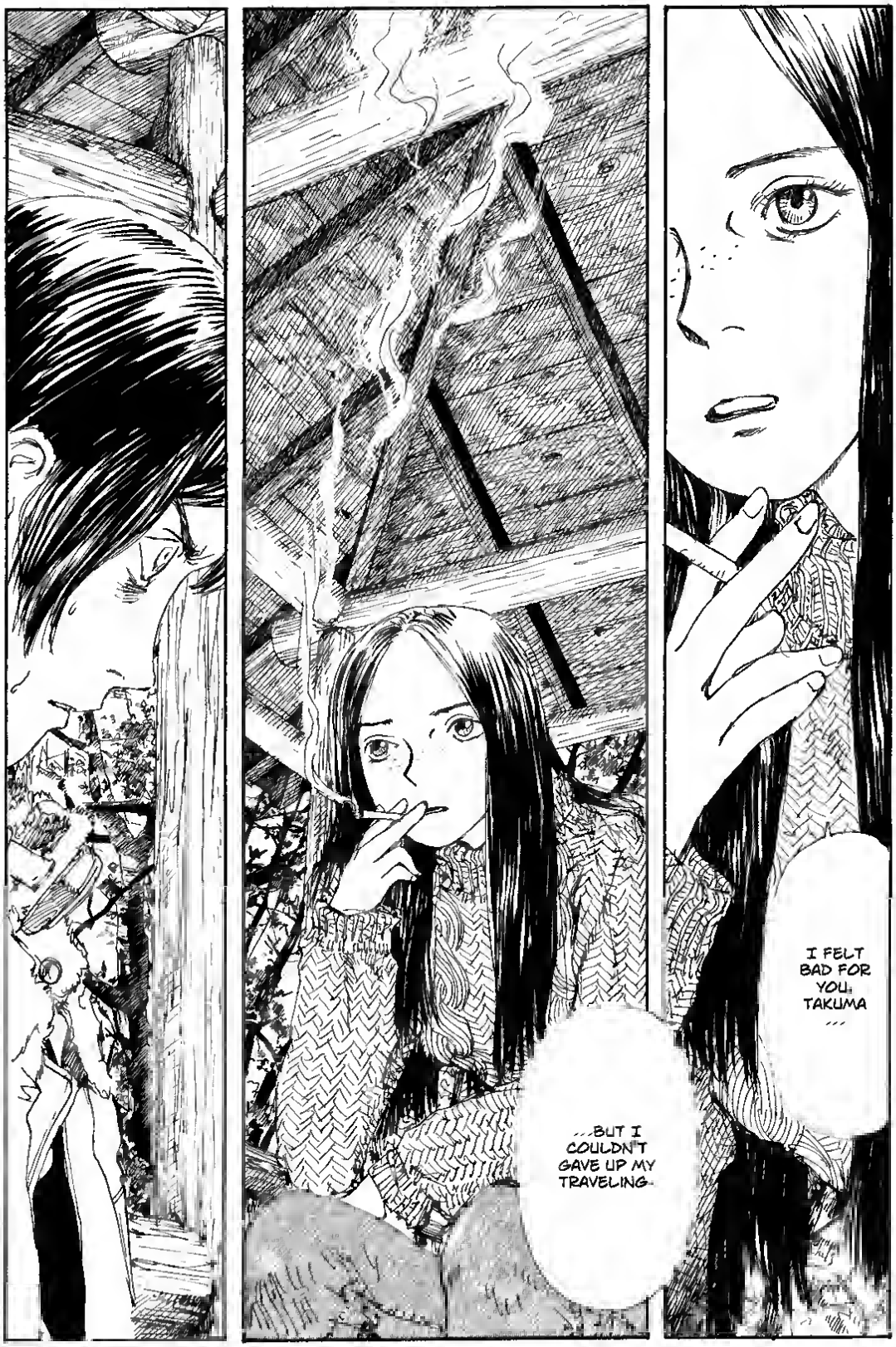

DON'T BLAME ME.
THIS IS HOW I'VE ALWAYS LIVED.
I'M BORN, THEN I LEAVE MY MOTHER AND GO ON A JOURNEY.


I THINK IT'S MY FATE TO WANDER FOREVER.
IT'S AN IMPULSE THAT COMES FROM DEEP WITHIN.
THAT'S MY INSTINCT.
TO WANDER ---
TO TRAVEL ---



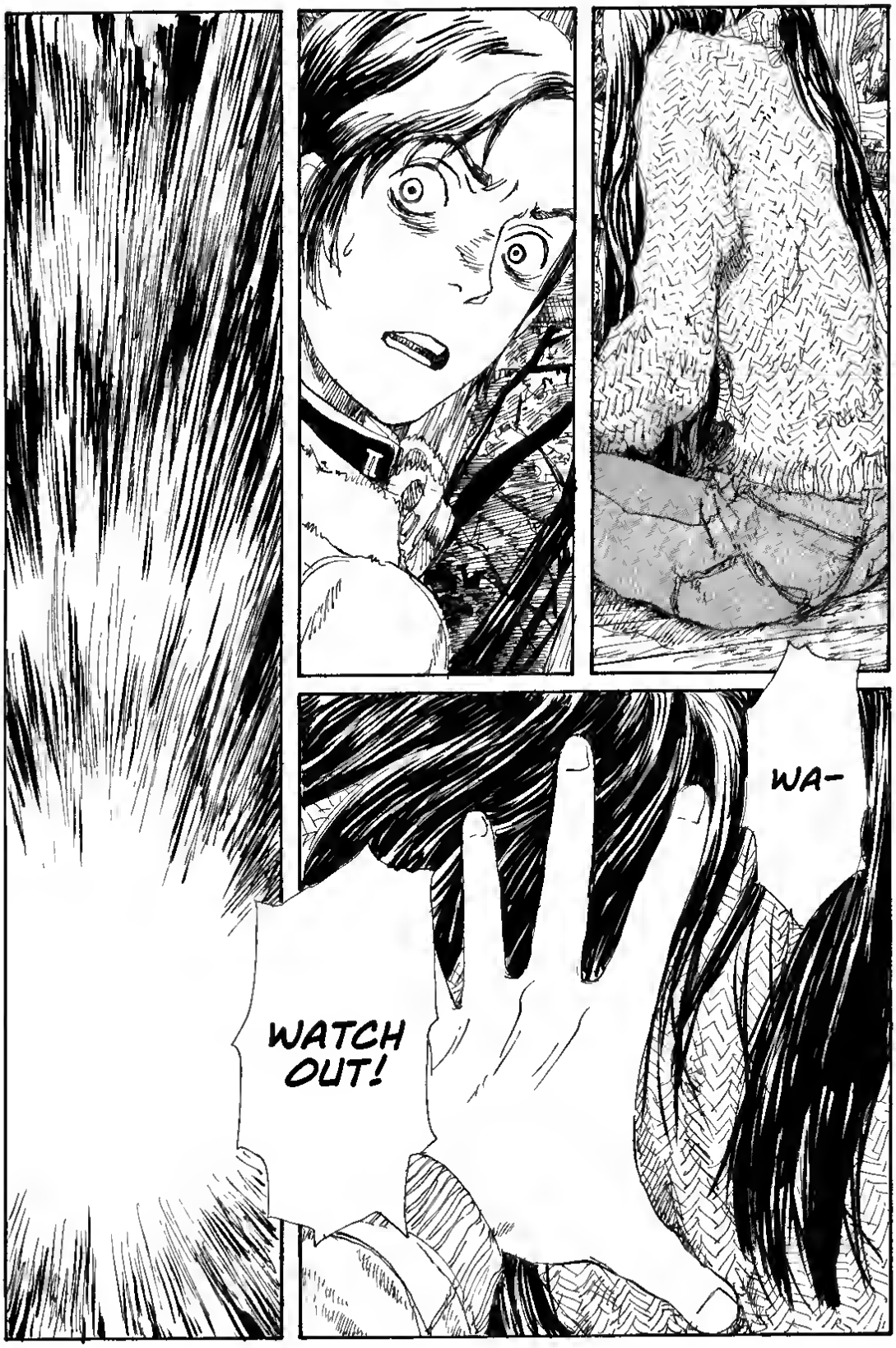
BUT THIS TIME IT'S DIFFERENT.
I WAS BORN A TWIN.
TWIN TO A BOY, NO LESS.

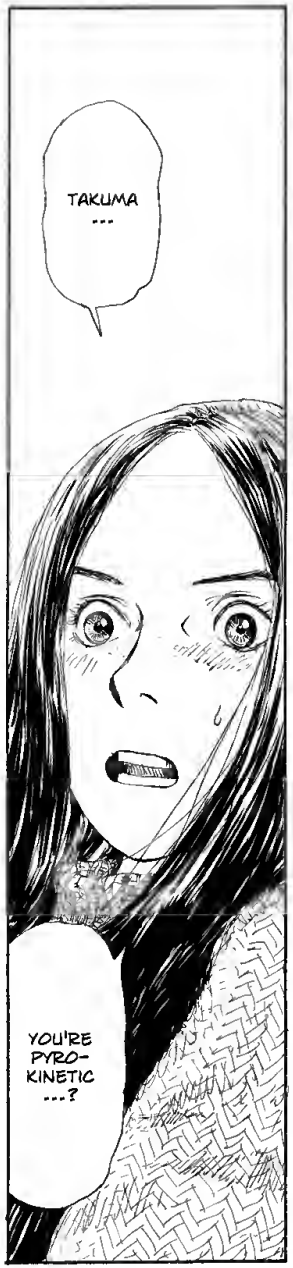
---WITH THE FACT THAT I HAD A BROTHER NOW?
---TRYING TO RECONCILE MY TRAVELING INSTINCT---
DO YOU KNOW HOW MUCH I SUFFERED ---
LEAVING YOU AT AIDO-EN.
THAT WAS THE BEST CHOICE I COULD MAKE AT THE TIME.


I FELT BAD FOR YOU, TAKUMA...
...BUT I COULDN'T GAVE UP MY TRAVELING.

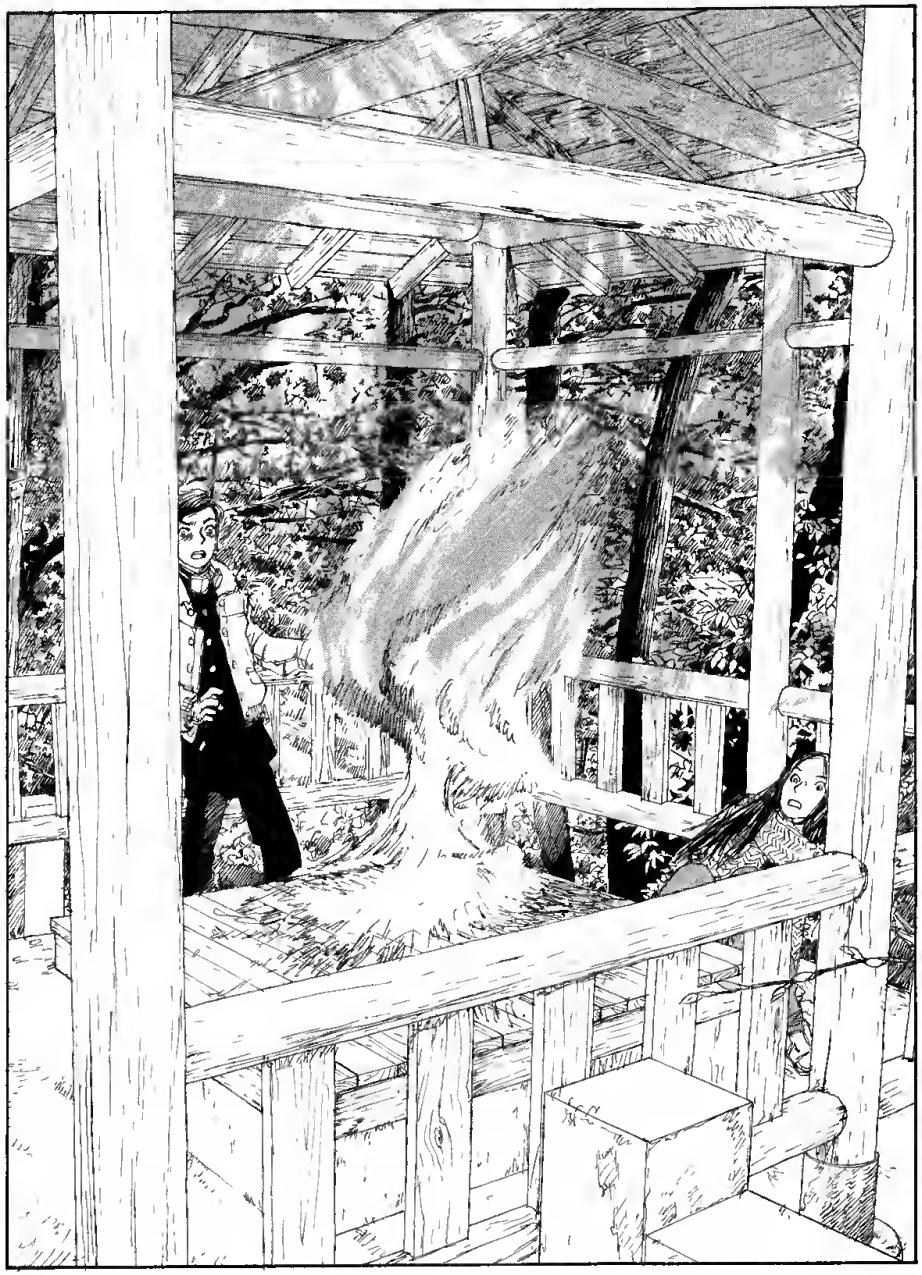
I DON'T KNOW.
I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHY I EXIST.
BUT WHY ...?
WHY DO YOU NEED TO TRAVEL?!

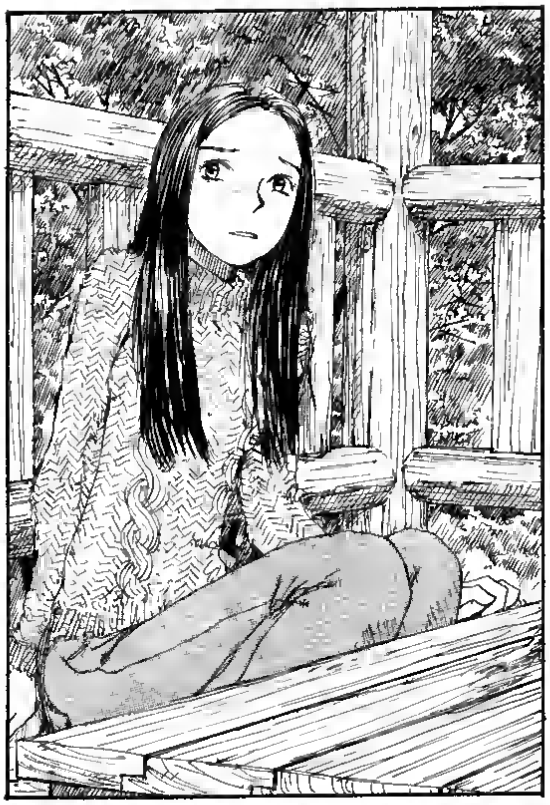
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO KNOW WHERE I CAME FROM.
I WANTED TO KNOW MY LITTLE SISTER.
I'VE BEEN SEARCHING FOR YOU FOR SO LONG.

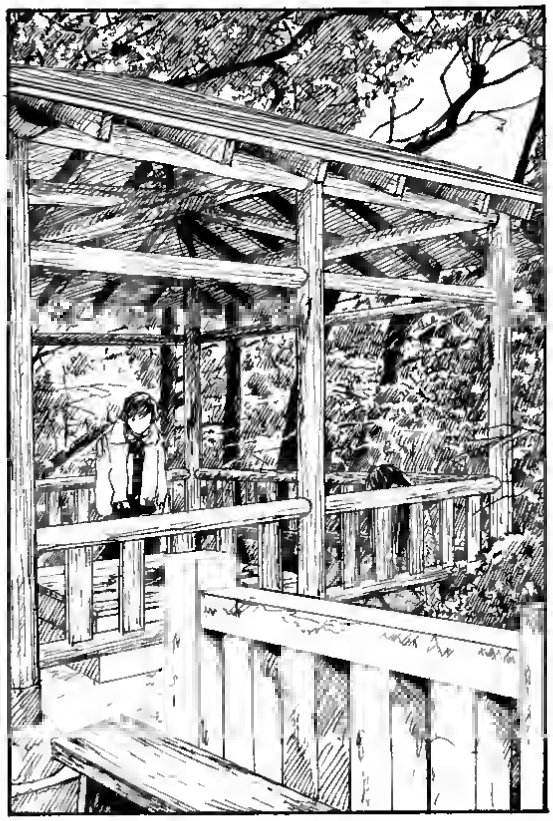

WA-
WATCH OUT!

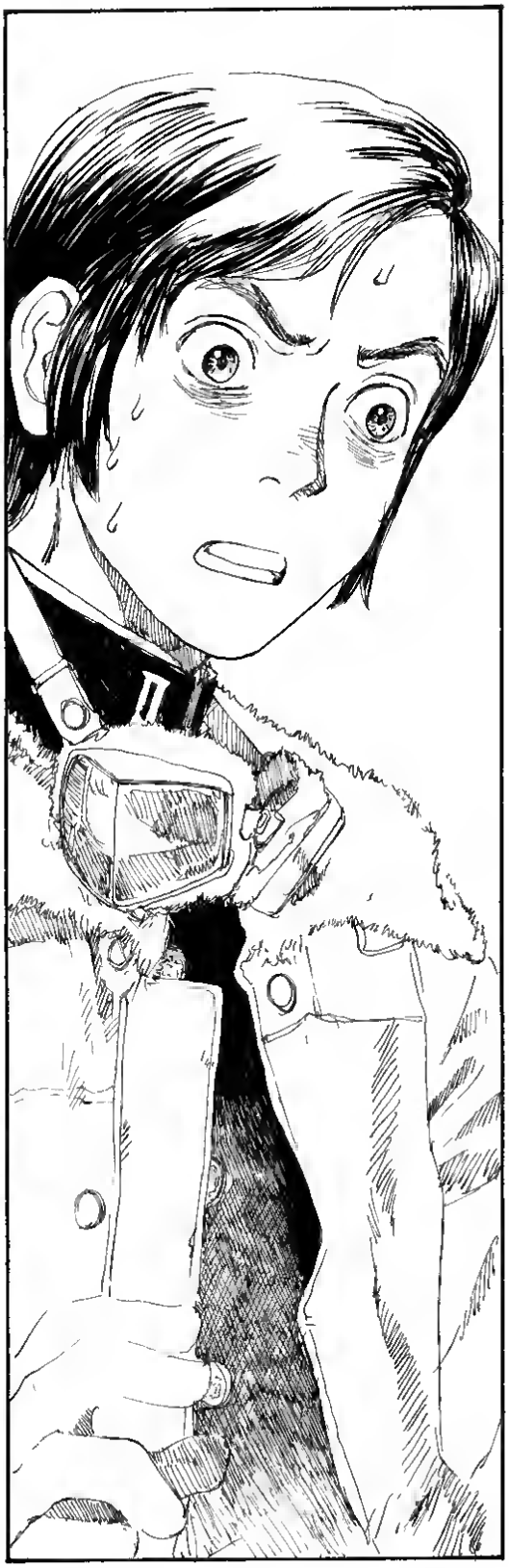

TAKUMA

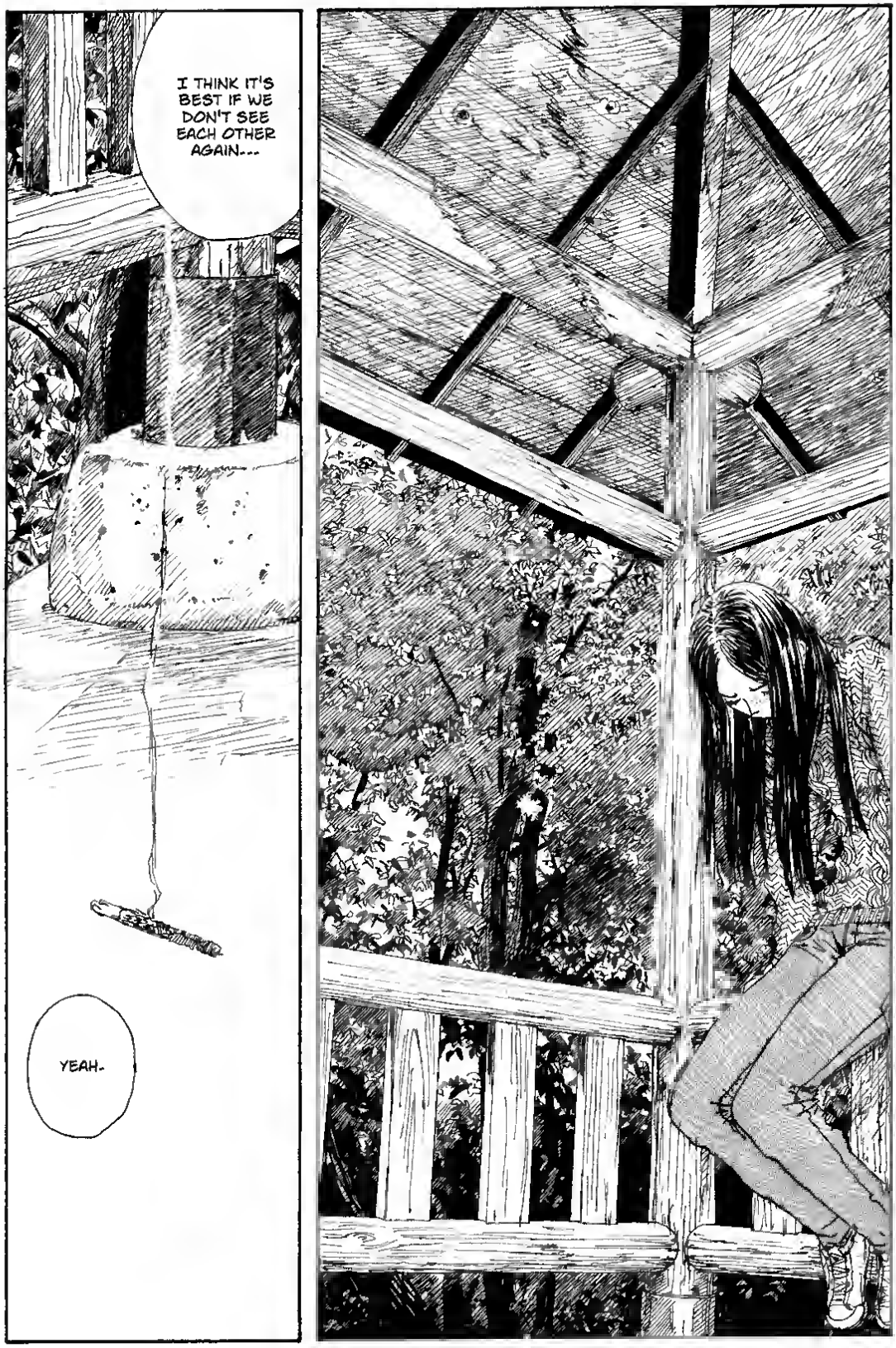
YOU'RE PYRO-KINETIC ---?










I THINK IT'S BEST IF WE DON'T SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN...
YEAH.

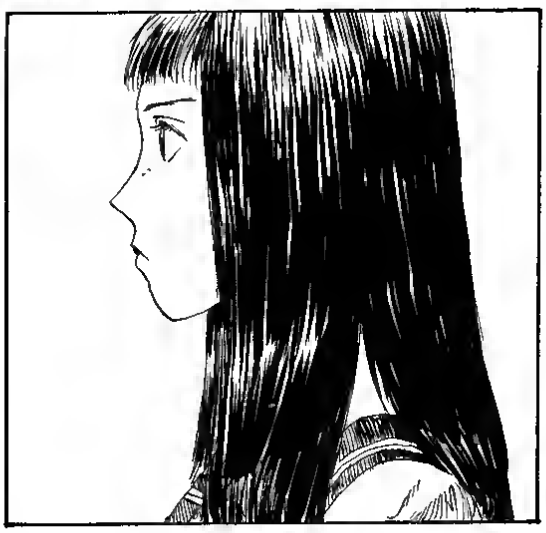
I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN FORGIVE YOU.
IF I SEE YOU AGAIN, I REALLY MIGHT KILL YOU.
TAKUMA
YOU CAN HAVE IT.

Eventually I came to the conclusion...
SUNSET
HOPE
E.N
...that like me, his existence was essential to this planet.
...that my brother, too, was one aspect of the earth...

White sign: Kiosk.
Black sign: Cigarettes.

"Why was I born?"
I didn't know the answer...
...but I felt sure that I would one day understand the meaning of his power.
But I couldn't tell him something so cruel.

Sign: Beer & Fried Offal / Manjo.



Coke

It would be
30 years
before I saw
him again...

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